







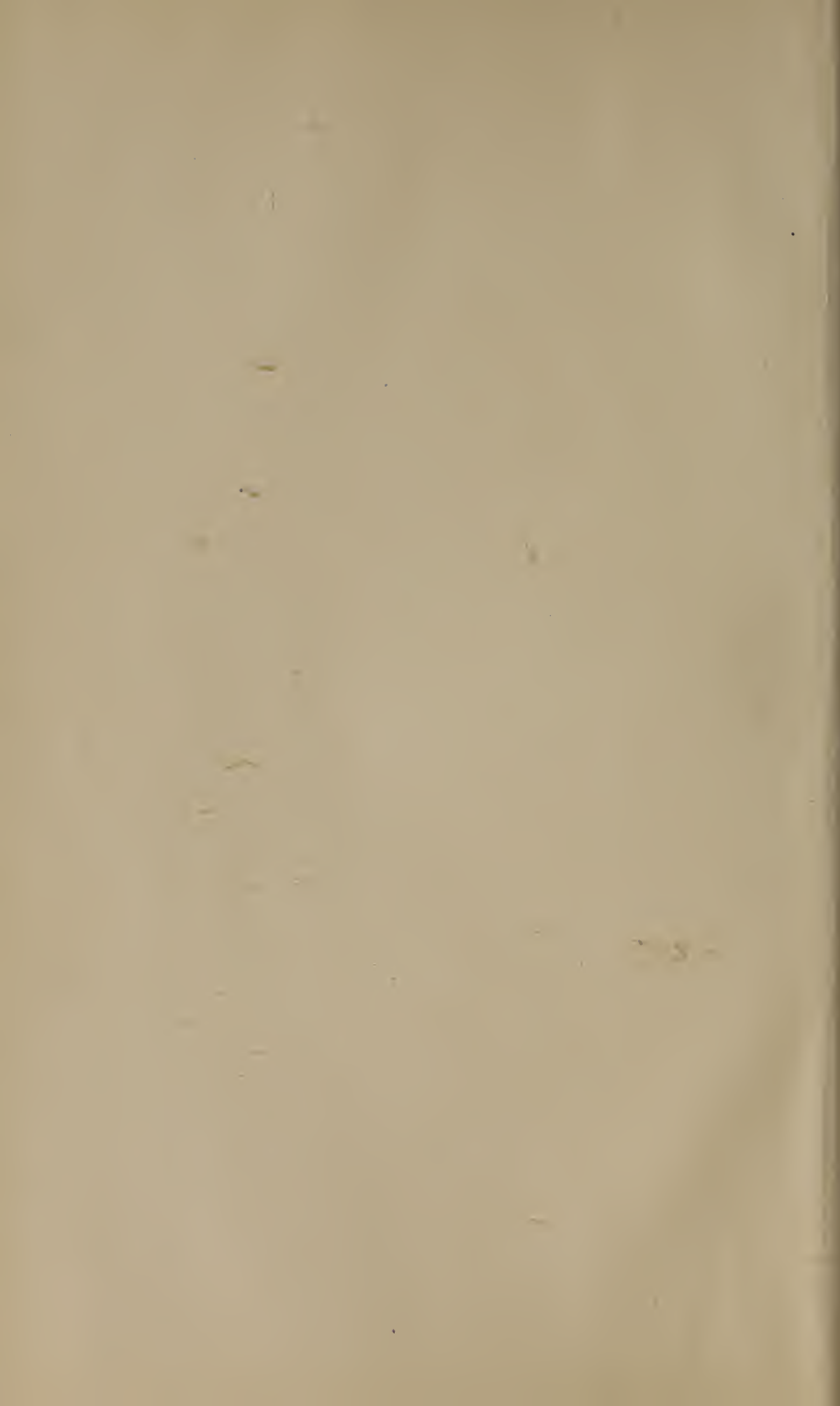


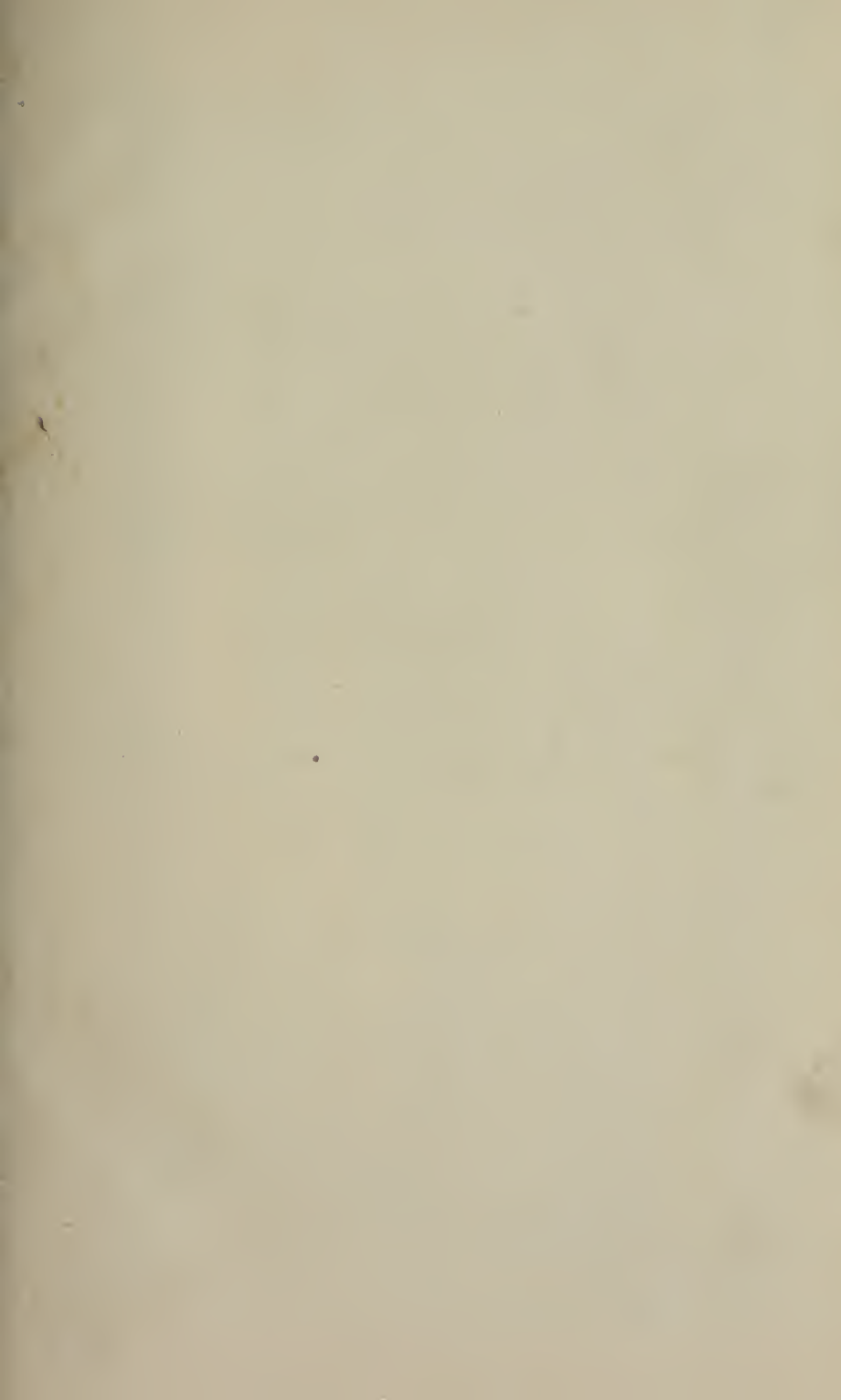






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name, receiveth Me.” — MARK ix. 37.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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The sixty-eighth anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society finds a marked change in the methods of its work during the past year. Through the General Secretary's careful attention to the wants of many who have applied for help, Mr. Kingsley has been able to answer in some way the needs of nearly four hundred children, and has now seventy-five boys and girls placed in comfortable homes, where they may be sent to school, receiving lessons daily which will fit them for places when they are old enough to depend upon themselves. The Secretary's report will doubtless give many pleasing accounts of the welfare of the children.

In November last a sale for the benefit of the Home was held at the Hotel Vendome, and the result, \$4,700, proved the interest taken. One kind friend donated, in addition, \$1,000 for the uses of the Society.

From time to time good friends appear and encourage us. Mrs. Albert Nickerson proved a valuable friend in offering her home at Dedham in June and securing the assistance of Mrs. Waldo Richards for a concert and reading. A generous sum was realized. The charming hospitality of such good friends of the Society brings our work conspicuously forward and to the attention of many who are always willing to aid a good cause by purchasing tickets. It is to be hoped that others will be willing to aid in similar ways, but we need more friends to become annual subscribers, and by reading our reports understand what good work we are doing by our new method of finding homes for children where they may be guided and instructed, and with no shadow of the "Institution" in the memory, only some good home and kind people filling the place of parents.

We wish to extend our thanks to the railroads for the continuance of the special rates, which in our new work means so much to the Society. We wish also to express our appreciation of the devoted services of our physicians, who have given so

freely of their time, and to thank all our friends for the many kindnesses received during the past year.

A special appeal is made to all on the Board of Directors, who are asked to show their interest by attending the meetings of the Society each month, and sharing the responsibility by at least giving a personal encouragement to those who make it for us and others a life work.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS,  
*Clerk.*

## REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

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A procession of three hundred and eighty-five children, ranging in age from a baby three weeks old to a boy of fifteen years, has found its way to the office during the year. If these little folks could pass in review before you, and the story of each be told, you would be made acquainted with almost every misfortune and sin which ever has or ever can come to blight the lives of children.

In our last annual report an analysis of the causes which brought children to our attention was made, and it was found that slightly more than one-half the number came on account of the wrong-doing of parents, such as drunkenness, desertion and immorality, and that sickness, accident or death of relations and friends afforded the cause in the other cases. The cases this year are in almost the same proportion.

Through our efforts eighty of those applying during the year were enabled to remain with relatives and friends, seventy were admitted to the immediate care of the Society, and help for the others was sought through other societies, hospitals, or whatever agencies seemed best adapted to meet their individual difficulties, twenty different agencies having been appealed to in their behalf. Including the sixty in the care of the Society on the first of November, 1900, one hundred and thirty children have been under the immediate care of the Society at some time during the year.

The emptying of the two Homes has been gradual. On the first of August, 1900, there were twenty-two children in the Boys' Home and thirty in the Girls' Home. Four of the older girls went to the Young Women's Christian Association for special training, one to the Dorchester Industrial School, three girls and one boy to the Division of Minor Wards of the State Board of Charity, twenty were returned to parents or friends who through the assistance of the Society were tided over a crisis and enabled to provide a home for the children. The remaining twenty-two

were placed from time to time, as good homes were found. Meantime those of the new applicants who were admitted were placed directly in families. The secret of closing an institution is ceasing to admit.

When we inaugurated the family plan of caring for children a year ago, we had no list of families in which they could be placed. We made a beginning through an advertisement in the *Congregationalist* and some of the local papers in suburban towns. A number of good places were secured in this way. Since then the knowledge that we are desirous of finding such places has been spreading, with the result that two hundred and thirty applications for children have been received. We find that every really good family secured is often the means of bringing us others of equal excellence, for when their friends and neighbors become acquainted with the children they are led to make application. The fact that but one out of seven applicants is accepted, while six are rejected, shows something of the sifting process in their selection. Each one applying is required to give as references the names of three or four people, not relatives, of standing in their community. A letter is sent to each of these; and three or four other citizens, whose names are obtained independently, are communicated with. If these all speak favorably of the applicant, a visit to the home is made by an agent of the Society, and if everything is to our satisfaction the name is placed on the approved list. Then equal care is taken in selecting the particular child who shall go to that home, and all this is counted only a good beginning and is followed by a persistent sympathetic oversight which insures the success of the work.

Now I want to let some of the children speak for themselves. Robert, when we first saw him, was a gnarly, grimy little lad. He had a boy's shoe on one foot and a man's on the other, wore a man's coat and a boy's trousers. He was a bad boy, too; that is, his stepmother, then in the House of Correction for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, said he was. Shortly after he came to our care he wrote: "Since I came out here I feel like as if I was two years younger. Benny and I have fine times out here; we go fishing. I like out here fine. I am getting on fine.



Thank you a thousand times for that suit; it fits fine. I will write again when I think of some more."

Another of these bad boys had an ambition to go to Mr. Moody's school. The recommendation of a clergyman and a business man were needed. A clergyman the boy had never known, and among all his acquaintances there was not a soul who by any possible definition could be called a business man. He soon made the acquaintance of both when he came to us and is now making a first-rate record in the school.

It is no small undertaking to assume the care of children eight, ten, or twelve years old, or even younger, in whose upbringing about everything has been done that ought not to have been done, and that which should have been done neglected. But courage is renewed and faith strengthened by frequent utterances straight from childish hearts such as that voiced by the struggling Katie, who one day exclaimed: "There! I told another lie, and I didn't mean to, either." It reveals the inherent thirst for righteousness, which can be quickened in almost any child by love and good example.

One of the hard things for children in misfortune to bear is the separation of brothers and sisters. It is a thing we avoid if possible. A little boy of four and his baby brother had been deserted by their mother, and the father, who was overwhelmed by business disaster as well, was about to let the baby go in one direction and the older child in another. The little fellow would not allow the baby out of his sight, and when bedtime came insisted on sleeping with him. When the good woman with whom we placed them went to their bed during the night to see that they were covered, the little lad was holding tight to baby's hand. His mother had left him, but little brother never. It was some time before he would allow him to go out of his sight.

A year ago last Fourth of July a rag dealer was bargaining for rags in a certain quarter of Boston. When he returned, behold, his push-cart was gone. A gang of boys had hustled it to a vacant lot, and when the owner appeared it was helping to fulfill John Adams' prophecy of future bonfires and illuminations in celebrating the glorious Fourth. The boys hid from the police, only to emerge when things quieted down to enter a house and

steal some lead pipe. Again the police were in demand, and there was a hasty retreat to various hiding places. Some of the boys were caught, but the lad who later came to us and told the story hid in a cellar and had better luck. This year he celebrated by dining with the leading G. A. R. man of the town, in company with the best citizens of a little New Hampshire village. He is quite a model little citizen.

On a visit to the family I remained over night. In the evening a neighbor called to tell the good man that his sheep had broken bounds and were in the caller's corn-field. Whereupon the venerable owner, the boy, and myself set out to find them. We went out among the hills, but could find no sheep, for it was quite dark. The old man paused, and, leaning on his staff (it seemed to me that he must have resembled Abraham), called long and loud. Then it was time for the boy's part, for the old man was quite deaf. In an instant he said: "They're over yonder." It flashed upon me more strongly than ever why a lad chased by truant officers and police in the city, where there was not much to do but mischief, should be so different when given a chance. Not exactly eyes to the blind, but ears to the deaf, and having an opportunity to be of real service generally. As we walked home, his questions were something like these: "Been anybody arrested down that way lately? Any fires this week?" And then, after a long pause: "There's lots of stars up here." And as the full moon sailed up over those beautiful New Hampshire hills, I did not wonder that the boy was beginning to observe the wonders and beauties of nature, and that it was helping to make a better boy.

It does not bring muscle to the arm of the man who wishes to become a blacksmith to look from his window at a blazing forge or to hear the throbbing of the hammer upon the anvil from across the street. If the man wants the muscle in his own arm, he must grasp the hammer and pound. Children are not best prepared for the duties of the world by spending their childhood out of it; girls are not saved from peril for having been secluded until men and boys are objects of abnormal interest and curiosity.

One does not need to argue what sunshine and fresh air mean to childhood. The letters from the children are full of accounts of "our" orchard, "our" grape vines and gardens. Many



of them are most amusing. One boy wrote : "The country is fine down here ; there is always a nice breeze in the air." Another : "The birds sing every morning, and the frogs every night." We hope, too, that in some small way a love for real homes will be stimulated. May not this early life create a love for a little home with a plot of green grass and a tree and a lilac bush under the window, instead of pigeon-holes in piles of brick along dirty streets in the crowded city, where, as some one has said, "The seasons never change, only the temperature."

"I pray not that they should be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from the evil," was Christ's petition for his disciples. Take the children out of the world one cannot; and I know of no better way of safeguarding them and keeping them from the evil than through the wise, loving guidance that comes from life in a good home. These children especially need the wisest care and training that can be given, for they have only their wits and their health to throw into the struggle; there is no "start in life" in the way of money or influence for them. They must be prepared for the duties in the world soon to open to them, and that we believe is best accomplished by attending public schools, by mingling in the normal relations of childhood with their little fellow-citizens who are soon to be their neighbors, friends and competitors.

This, briefly told, is the work of the Boston Children's Friend Society, and we are earnestly hoping for that support from the community which shall enable us to do for these needy, helpless little children who are coming to us what, in the name of God, ought to be done.

SHERMAN C. KINGSLEY,  
*General Secretary.*

## ADDRESS OF HON. SAMUEL B. CAPEN.

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(DELIVERED IN NEW OLD SOUTH CHURCH, NOV. 9, 1901.)

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It is a pleasure to be here to-night in the interests of one of our oldest societies which has to do with the work for children. We live in the "children's age," and have come to recognize, as some earlier generations did not, the importance of the child life. Dr. Tyng said years ago that if the question was between saving two adults or one child, he would save the child, which is only another way of putting the axiom, "Save a man and you save a unit; save a child and you save a multiplication table." A society that works for the children represents, therefore, an economy of force; it puts in the work where it will count the most and with the least possible waste.

We see this principle working everywhere. How are we to solve the great problem of the South? We point to such institutions as Hampton and Tuskegee and Fisk and hundreds of others for the younger children. How are we to solve the Indian problem? I point you again to Carlisle and Haskell and Santee and the other similar schools. How are we to cure the drink habit? By showing the children the peril of alcohol. How are we to reach other nations with our Christian civilization? I point you again to the 85,000 pupils in the higher schools and 900,000 pupils in the common schools connected with our various foreign missionary boards taught by brave women like Miss Stone. I point you to Corinna Shattuck of Oorfa and Miss Fuller of Aintab, who in the days of the Armenian massacres stood at their school-room doors and faced the Turkish mobs, the latter declaring that if they entered her schoolroom it would be over her dead body and her country's flag. How are we to save the cities, "the storm centres and the nerve centres of the country?" By saving the children. Yes, *economy of force*, for schools and institutions to make good citizens and prevent crime are cheaper than jails and reformatories which have to do with its punishments.

But the work of the Boston Children's Friend Society is something more than all this, for it has to do with those who have no homes and who, uncared for, will almost inevitably become lost to themselves and to the world. The Society, as a great mother, pleads to us out of its heart of love and pity for those who have no other mother to watch and care for them. "Children's Friend" Society! The Master when here upon earth was the greatest "children's Friend," and this Society is following on in his footsteps.

Sixty-eight years old! I have loved it because I remember my mother paying her membership fees to its treasury. How little did I know then that I should ever have the privilege of pleading for it! Yet while it is so old, it is ever fully abreast of the times in adopting modern methods of work. Especially in these later days has it recognized that while institutional life is often necessary for a time, yet the wisest plan for the child is to put him as speedily as possible into some home where he shall have a mother's watch and care and love. It is under these conditions that the child is most likely to develop into the truest and best life. Because this institution is working along the lines of the greatest economy of forces, and because its work for humanity is so full of the Spirit of Christ, we bid it Godspeed in its work. But, more than this, let us remember the word of the Apostle James, "If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled, and yet give them not the things needful to the body, what doth it profit?" A colored brother was trying to put a great box into a cart. After tugging away for several minutes, the case was too heavy for him, and it fell back upon the ground. He turned to a dusky brother who stood at his side, saying "Sambo, do you ever expect to go to heaven?" He replied, "Certainly, boss." Then he said, "Take hold and lift." Let us take hold and lift at the practical end of this splendid work with our gifts, knowing that we shall have the blessing from Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

But you are here to-night especially to listen to the story of the great need of such work in our cities by one who for so many

years has been in the thick of the fight and in closest touch with it in New York. Some of us have heard him with his illustrations picture to us the congested districts of that metropolis. Many have known him through his books as he has shown what exists just beneath the surface. Whether we have ever had the pleasure of meeting him personally or not, we all love him for the mighty work he has done for righteousness. We love him because President Roosevelt, who knows a true man when he sees him because he is so true a man himself, has put the crown upon Mr. Riis's brow in those splendid words which it is reported he has said, "Mr. Riis is the most useful citizen in New York." I esteem it a very great honor to present to you the speaker of the evening, Jacob A. Riis, of New York.

## ADDRESS OF JACOB A. RIIS.

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(DELIVERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 9, 1901.)

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What are the rights of the children in our cities? First of all, the right to live. We have denied them that right in our towns. When we saw the light we tore down nearly a hundred tenement houses in New York, because the Tenement House Committee stamped them as "infant slaughter houses." You tore down twice as many on not so bad a showing as ours, because they were unfit to exist. "Unfit to exist" means that they murder the babies born in them. So that it comes to this, when we sum up our efforts to improve the homes of our people, that no man shall have the right hereafter to kill his tenant or his tenant's baby with a house any more than with an axe in the street. I think that is putting it in a way we can all understand. The child has, first of all, a right to live. Of that he was robbed. The rear tenement was shown to be a murderer of children, and on that showing it was condemned.

They shall furthermore have the right to play, because upon it depends our liberties. The welfare of our country depends on

the child's right to play, whether in the Back Bay or down in the slums. It is his "pursuit of happiness." You cannot rob a child of its childhood and expect it to grow up a right man. You have got to have a whole child to get a whole man. The boy must have a right to play ball if we are to have him cast a fair vote by and by. It may not be written in the constitution, but it is a fact, and we know it.

Speaking of the result of giving the boy a chance to play, for twenty years, I believe, no week passed by that I was not called to the Mulberry Bend for some foul murder. Certainly not a Sunday passed, for on that day the people there did their murdering. The place fairly reeked with gore. It was the foulest slum in Christendom. It is four years now since the Bend became a park, and not once have I been called there in all that time; not once has a knife been drawn or a shot fired there since. It is not because the people have moved away and done their murdering elsewhere, for the same people still live there. The fact is that with the sunlight came decency, and the gang had its recruits cut off. Give the boy a chance, give him his rights, and he will respect other people's rights. That is the story and all there is of it.

Then there is his right to be fed; I don't mean the child's stomach necessarily. There is a kind of hunger that is worse than the physical starvation which gets into the newspapers; I mean the æsthetic hunger that is not fed by a dark and filthy and crowded schoolhouse or by a tenement house of the kind we know. We shall begin to understand after a while what it means to build beautiful schools and put the flowers and the birds into the child's life that was without them. With them grow civic virtue, citizenship. They are first cousins. Put back the robin and the dandelion if you want that child to grow up to your ideals, to know what you mean by heaven. The slum has no embodiment of it. They cannot see God for it. When they come back to you after being out among the woods and fields and flowers, you can talk heaven to them in Sunday School. They understand then, and they will listen.

We started vacation schools, and the teachers told us, "The children don't know how to play. They have to be driven to



play." Why do we complain of the mismanagement of our cities when we lay the foundations as deep as that? "Play," says the great Kindergarten, "is the normal occupation of the child, through which he first perceives moral relations." Without it he may never perceive them.

Above all I have said, the child has a right to a home. I put first the right to live, but I ought to have put first the right to a home, because without a home life seems hardly worth living. It has a right to one pair of mother's arms to shelter it. There is nothing in the world that can take its place. Don't you know what some one has said (and there was never anything truer): "The good Lord couldn't be everywhere, and so He made mother's"? The right to one pair of mother's arms about the child's neck! The home must be the beginning of all efforts for betterment. Nearly forty-six years ago a legislative committee came down to New York to find out what ailed us. The whole town seemed given over to drunkenness and vagrancy. They went back and recommended first of all, "The prevention of drunkenness by furnishing every man with a clean and comfortable home." There were some people who laughed at that as paternal government, but that recommendation went way down beneath the roots of things for all that. It begins in the home, and there it has got to end, too. You have to restore the home wherever it is possible to do it.

Unfortunately, in such cities as this and ours it is impossible always to do that. It is necessary to find a substitute then, and we did it. We followed a natural impulse in gathering them up and putting them into institutions. And I say, "God bless the men and women who held up the hands of those that carried on those institutions and still carry them on!" Truly the promise is theirs, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these." There is surely a place in heaven waiting for those who all these years sheltered the helpless. The Children's Friend Society did it most nobly all these years. But we learn while we live, you know, and let us be glad that we do. When growth stops, decay begins. We learned in that very taking care of the children, marching them in companies, battalions, that there was a better way. So we wheeled about.

Providence assisted you in breaking up your two Homes, when they had done their good work and the time had come to do still better. For the home of the many you gave them the home of the few, and came nearer in doing it to the ideal of one pair of mother's arms. You hated to see them go, because you loved the babies. I do. I cannot pass by a baby in the street without stopping it, to the horror of the nurse, who thinks I may be a kidnapper. There is nothing in all the world like a baby, except two babies, or twenty. If they do not reach your heart, you had better send for the plumber and get it thawed out quick. Of course you hated to see them go. My boys at home are getting so old they ought not to stay. I hate to have them go, yet it is best for them, and I have to own it. The time has come for them to be individuals, not mere items in a book, or in a squad, even a squad of happy children.

And how now is the child off in its country home? How do you suppose it fares out there? You need suppose nothing about it, because you can know. Your Secretary knows exactly what happens to each child in the home he has chosen for it, and therefore what happens is good. There is such a thing as a man who would take a helpless child to make it a drudge, a source of profit where it thought to enter a loving home. I do not know what there is in store for that man in the final reckoning. I do not want to know, but I should like to have a hand in the reckoning here. I should like to let him right in here, prove his guilt and shut the door on him. There has to be intelligent looking after. The angel has to descend into the pool at intervals to stir the waters that they may give life. You know that, for you do it, and when it is done, great good results, to the child and to those who took it. "Their angels do ever behold the face of my father which is in heaven." Aye, and we catch the reflection of it on earth through their blessed child-eyes.

You may, friends, make the finest home in the world for a hundred children, but you can make it a hundred times as fine for each one of the children in a home by itself. God never intended there should be one hundred children in one family, for the one pair of mother's arms cannot go around them all, though the heart be big enough to take them in.

I suppose there has come to some of our friends this sort of a feeling, that now the work is over, that the Society has been going along doing its splendid work seventy years, the allotted life of man, and now it has come to an end. No, but it has just begun, and begun well. It is a comfort to find a society that strikes a new trail and says, "We will go along that because it is better."

I knew a man in my youth whom every one of you loves, Hans Christian Andersen. I am a Dane, and so was he. I was a boy when he was an old man. He was a poet and had the poetic insight into things. He said once that the charity he saw about him, the old kind of charity, seemed to breed one of two things, either the resentment we know so well or else a generation that seemed to be born under the sign of the wheelbarrow, had to be pushed along always. That is the kind of children you breed when you have too many in one place. It takes the wisest, most thoughtful management to avoid putting that institutional mark on the children, and even then you will find it. That you have altogether avoided by the new trail you have struck, and I heartily congratulate you. I have not heard anything that has cheered me so much as this voluntary act on your part, emptying your institution of children and sending them out upon the soil in families.

Let no one make you believe that you have taken a false step or that you are needed no more. When some of us began to think that the story of Jonah was not to be taken literally, any more than that our Saviour meant that the Pharisees actually swallowed camels and strained at gnats, there were some who thought that that was the end of our faith. We know better now. For the old unreasonableness that would cling to the letter, we have got one of the most human stories ever told, that tells us what the letter never could. You followed the old trail and did well; but when you struck one that would enable you to do much more than you have ever done before, you took it and showed, in doing it, the common sense that solves problems in the world.

And now, God speed you! Fight on! You will have to, for the fight you are waging will have to be fought while we live. We may never lay down our arms. A hundred years ago one in



twenty-five of the people of the United States lived in a city: to-day one in three of our people lives in a city. That means there are so many more children in our cities to take care of, for the wrecked homes there will always be. Do not ever let go your grip. You cannot do it.

After I am done I am told that an appeal is to be made to you with collection baskets for the babies. Do not let them pass you by. You business men who write checks in your office, is there somewhere in this big city a dear little sunny baby head that is waiting and watching for you to come home? Is there a little nose flattened against the window pane on the look-out for papa? Or was such a treasure once, and did you lay him in the churchyard with tears? Grieve not, friends. So did I; and the little baby that we bore over the hill to the churchyard is the one of them all that we kept. We gave him back to God. All the rest of them have flown out of our arms and are gone, but that one is waiting over yonder, our baby still, waiting for papa to come. By the dear little head on your shoulder; by the sweet memory of the little baby angel that is waiting yonder,— I ask you to let the plea of these children's friends sink right into your hearts and into your pockets, too. It may be that the scribbling of the pen on the check you shall write to the order of the Boston Children's Friend Society, so as to aid their work, will be to the one waiting yonder like the grating of the gate upon its hinges "Papa is coming!" Many of these never knew a papa!

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, October 31, 1901.

WM. QUINCY WALES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS:—

Board of children, Girls' Home, . . . . .	\$869 25
Board of children, Boys' Home, . . . . .	1,043 56
Income from invested funds, . . . . .	3,339 89
From Assistant Treasurer, . . . . .	460 48
Interest on bank deposit, . . . . .	42 50
Refund State Bank tax, . . . . .	23 45

LEGACIES:—

Henry Warren Bird, Exec., will of Mary E. Brimcom to be known as the Lizzie H. Brimcom Memorial Fund. The income alone to be used for the general purposes of the Society, \$1,000 00	
Thomas Weston, Trustee, Income from S. W. C. Mtge., . . . . .	450 00
Estate Sam'l E. Sawyer, through Hiram Rich, Exec., final payment under will, . . . . .	76 77
	1,526 77
Sale of invested funds, . . . . .	3,551 65
Dedham Electric Co., . . . . .	75 00
Proceeds Fair at Vendome Hotel, . . . . .	4,720 31
Part proceeds of Fair by three little girls, . . . . .	5 54
Christmas Appeal, Rutland Street, . . . . .	\$120 00
Less expended for gifts, . . . . .	41 02
	78 98
Christmas Appeal, Dedham, . . . . .	\$53 84
Less expended for gifts and dinners, . . . . .	23 13
	30 71
Concert at Mrs. Nickerson's, at Dedham, . . . . .	123 00
Board of Children, placed out, . . . . .	2,718 86

DONATIONS:—

Mrs. W. B. Potter, . . . . .	\$10 00
L. C. Bliss & Co., . . . . .	10 00
Old South Church, annual, . . . . .	250 53
Sarah M. Stetson, . . . . .	5 00
Isaac B. Rich, . . . . .	5 00
A Friend, . . . . .	1,000 00
C. W. Kingsley, . . . . .	100 00
E. W. Foss, . . . . .	25 00
David P. Kimball, . . . . .	50 00
Mrs. I. W. Chick, . . . . .	5 00
Ellen H. Vinson, . . . . .	5 00
A Friend, . . . . .	2 00

*Amounts carried forward, \$1,467 53    \$18,609 95*

*Amounts brought forward,*      \$1,467 53      \$18,609 95

DONATIONS — *Continued.*

John L. Barry, . . . . .	10 00	
Mrs. Elbridge Torrey, . . . . .	10 00	
N. H. Henchman, . . . . .	10 00	
Rev. F. B. Allen, . . . . .	10 00	
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, . . . . .	50 00	
Sunday School of First Congregational Church at Dedham, for Boys' Home, . . . . .	8 74	
	<hr/>	1,566 27

\$20,176 22

*Balance brought forward from old account,* . . . . . 1,414 77

\$21,590 99

GIRLS' HOME.

EXPENSES: —

Current expenses, . . . . .	\$6,017 66	
Thanksgiving dinner, Geo. O. Hovey Fund, . . . . .	35 00	
Repairs, . . . . .	95 93	
Printing, . . . . .	177 90	
Fuel, . . . . .	208 10	
Funds invested, . . . . .	6,965 57	
	<hr/>	\$13,500 16
Board of Children placed out, . . . . .		3,484 09

BOYS' HOME.

Current expenses, . . . . .	\$3,808 72	
Repairs, . . . . .	88 07	
Fuel, . . . . .	330 70	
	<hr/>	4,227 49
		\$21,211 74
<i>Balance carried forward to new account,</i> . . . . .		379 25
		<u>\$21,590 99</u>

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Boys' and Girls' Homes, and find them correct with proper vouchers showing a cash balance as stated of (\$379.25) three hundred and seventy-nine and  $\frac{25}{100}$  dollars, of which (\$367.90) three hundred and sixty-seven and  $\frac{90}{100}$  dollars are on deposit in the Atlantic National Bank and (\$11.35) eleven and  $\frac{35}{100}$  dollars is in cash.

J. CONVERSE GRAY, -  
Auditor.

BOSTON, October 30, 1901.

## PERMANENT FUND.

The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used :—

From the Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received in the year 1853, . . . . .	\$2,000 00
From the Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, to be known as the "Fennelly Fund," received March 6, 1858, . . . . .	1,000 00
From the "Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," and known as the "Dwight Fund," received Aug. 4, 1860, . . . . .	5,500 00
From the Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, to be known as the "Grant Fund," received Nov. 4, 1861, . . . . .	1,000 00
From three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," received —, March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869, . . . . .	4,170 00
From the Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," received Feb. 10, 1872, . . . . .	1,000 00
From the Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," received May 16, 1876, . . . . .	3,000 00
From the Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," received April 9, 1877, . . . . .	100 00
From the Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," received Nov. 21, 1878, . . . . .	500 00
From the Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," received Jan. 8, 1879, . . . . .	500 00
From the Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," received April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
From the Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," received Dec. 24, 1887, . . . . .	5,000 00
From the Longwood Minstrels, invested in a note secured by an approved and regularly recorded mortgage, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel Fund, and to be added to the Permanent Fund of the Society, the interest of which only shall be used for the support of the Society," received June, 1888, . . . . .	5,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .	\$33,770 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$33,770 00
From the Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," received Aug. 31, 1889,	500 00
From the Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, received Dec. 5, 1889,	100 00
From B. F. Sturtevant and E. W. Converse, to be known as the "Converse and Sturtevant Fund,"	6,500 00
From the Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund," the income of which to be appropriated to repairs at Dedham,	1,200 00
From Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, for a reserve fund, the income only to be used for daily expenses, to be called the "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," received 1892 and 1893,	3,000 00
From the Estate of Henry R. Glover, the income only of which is to be used for the purposes of the Home,	1,000 00
From the Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875, a permanent fund, the income only to be used for the purposes of the institution,	26,088 72
From the Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer, to be safely invested as a permanent fund, the income only to be used in such manner as will best promote the interest and prosperity of the Society,	2,382 20
From the Estate of James S. Stone, to be added to the permanent fund, the income only to be used,	500 00
From the Estate of Josephine S. Hall, to be added to the trust fund,	3,000 00
From the Estate of Mary E. Brimbecow, to be known as the "Lizzie H. Brimbecow Memorial Fund," the income alone to be used for the general purposes of the Society,	1,000 00
	<u>\$79,040 92</u>

#### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of ——— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors (or, *the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, the income thereof only to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*), and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

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L. C. Bliss, . . . . .	\$10 00	1 Gloucester Street, and	
Mrs. B. F. Redfern, . . . . .	2 00	conducted by Grendoline	
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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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ON the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society we are most happy to record the great success of our new method in placing children in private homes. The result has been that the Society has dealt with four hundred and ninety-four children the past year. These have not all been placed in homes, but through our General Secretary and his assistants their cases have been investigated and the best possible provision made for them.

We have one hundred and thirteen now placed in families, and it is interesting to us as Directors to follow these little ones along, and see them develop into good boys and girls from the fact of being taken into the family circle, where they have privileges and comforts to which many have been strangers all their lives. And as we see the great improvement our enthusiasm increases, and we want more friends to feel as we do and to join with us.

A record of our large family is faithfully kept, and the history of any child in our care can be obtained. All the homes to which the children are sent are visited frequently by the officers of the Society. Sometimes a free home is obtained for a child, the person taking the entire charge of clothes and education until such time as the child is old enough to go out into the world and decide for himself.

This Society needs the earnest help of men and women who are willing by contributions to assist in extending our work, and bringing sunshine into the hearts of the thousands of neglected little ones deprived of parents and kindred. Will not some of you who hear or read this report become life members, or annual subscribers?

We wish particularly to thank our friends from the Harvard Church Sunday school, Brookline, for a generous contribution, and especially for the check of fifty-five dollars from a gentleman connected with the school for the purchase of Bibles. As a result, each new child of sufficient age owns a Bible. We are also grateful to other friends who sent to us one hundred copies of "Black Beauty" and twenty-five copies of "Beautiful Joe."

We also extend to our kind friends, the physicians, dentists, lawyers, and railroad officials, our heartfelt thanks for their kind assistance; and to every one who by contributions of money or articles has helped us during the past year.

Since our last annual meeting the death of Mrs. Joshua Lincoln, a faithful President of the Boston Children's Friend Society for twenty-three years, and under whose administration the Boys' Home at Dedham was established, calls for an expression of our love for this Christian friend and associate.

Therefore the Board of Managers hereby place upon record their deep and abiding sense of her long and devoted service, the remembrance of which she has left with us as an example and encouragement.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, *Clerk.*

## THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress is at liberty to refer the matter to this Society, and it will receive prompt attention. Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need our immediate care are placed in carefully selected private families under constant oversight by agents of the Society. This insures wholesome family life in good communities, with all the advantages that such communities afford. Relatives and friends are required to pay according to financial ability. Our contributors are therefore asked only for the difference between what such relatives and friends ought to pay and what by consistent economy it costs to maintain these children. We ask your help. Contributions should be sent to the

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,  
48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

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## STATISTICS.

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Old cases renewed, . . . . .	6	23	29
New cases, . . . . .	201	190	391
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	259	213	420

### DISPOSITION OF CHILDREN.

Admitted to care of the Society . . . . .	111
Advised, . . . . .	98
Withdrawn, . . . . .	40
Pending at end of year, . . . . .	7
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Referred to twenty different child-caring societies and hospitals,	256
	164
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	420

### CAUSES OF DISTRESS.

Motherless, . . . . .	73
Fatherless, . . . . .	35
Orphans, . . . . .	10
Mothers ill, . . . . .	23
Fathers ill, . . . . .	3
Wrong-doing of father, . . . . .	74
"    "    " mother, . . . . .	22
"    "    " both parents, . . . . .	23
Illegitimate children, . . . . .	29
Lack of employment of parents, or illness or disobedience of children, . . . . .	128
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 420

### APPLICATIONS FROM PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE CHILDREN.

For Adoption, . . . . .	40
Free Homes, . . . . .	37
Boarding-homes, . . . . .	296
Homes with Wages, . . . . .	23
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 396

On investigation about one in ten were approved.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

**Why Children  
Need Our Care.** “I have three little children. Their father has deserted. I do not want to give them up. I can get only enough fuel to cook with and cannot get enough to heat the house. I owe two months’ rent. I cannot help matters until my little ones are away. If I can find work I shall endeavor to do my best as long as my health keeps good.”

In these words a frail, worn little woman began the story of her trouble. With slight variations they might be repeated for one-third of the four hundred and twenty children coming to our attention for the first time this year. Seventy-four of these children were in distress because their fathers had deserted, were intemperate, or had in some way fallen short of the performance of their duty. Twenty-two needed attention on account of the wrong-doing of mothers, twenty-three because of wrong-doing of both parents, and twenty-nine children were of illegitimate parentage, a total of one hundred and forty-eight. Seventy-three children were motherless, thirty-five fatherless, and ten were orphans. In the case of twenty-six children there was illness of one or both parents, making a total of one hundred and forty-five. The difficulties of the remaining one hundred and twenty-seven were lack of employment of parents, illness or disobedience of children, or some other peculiar problem relating to the management of the children.

The disposition of the four hundred and twenty children was: one hundred and eleven admitted to the immediate care of this Society, ninety-eight advised and dealt with otherwise than by admission, forty withdrawn, seven pending at the end





WANTED — AN OUTING.

of the year. The remaining one hundred and sixty-four were referred after investigation to twenty different child-caring organizations or hospitals. Including the seventy-four children in the care of the So-

cietiy on the first of last year, the total number dealt with during the year is four hundred and ninety-four. The average age of the four hundred and twenty applying for the first time was a little over five and one-half years. One hundred and thirteen children are now in the care of the Society,—forty-nine boys and sixty-four girls. The average age is a few days under seven years.

### From Institution to Family.

In August, 1900, as those who have followed the work of the Society know, a change was made from the institution to the placing-out method. During the first year two hundred and thirty applications were received from people who wished to take children. In the year just closed three hundred and ninety-seven such applications have been received. Some of the results which have followed can now be stated. The rules relating to age, health, vaccination, ability to walk, etc., formerly in vogue, governing the admission of children, have been set aside. The youngest child admitted this year was three weeks old; the eldest, fifteen years.

The amount collected from parents and friends towards the maintenance of the children is twice the average yearly amount collected during the last five years before the change. We have never been obliged to refuse admission because beds were full or on account of contagious diseases. The two Homes were full at one hundred. This year the highest num-



SISTERS HAPPY TOGETHER.

ber at any one time was one hundred and twenty-five. It was formerly the custom to admit no children during the months of July and August, it being somewhat difficult to give the children already in the care of the Society outings and fresh air. This year during those months, which are trying because children are out of school and work is scarce for the mothers, forty children were admitted.

A detailed account of the financial bearing of the change will be given at a later date.

**Emergency Cases.**

We are often asked what we do with children in cases of emergency. Our answer is, "Take them." Among our "approved" places we have a number near by which can be used at short notice. A family of four children, aged from seven months to eight years, was made homeless by the death of the mother from smallpox. The children were all exposed, and two of them contracted the disease and were sent to the hospital. The other two had been vaccinated. These were placed in a family and were joined later by the others when they came from the hospital. A child convalescing from diphtheria was taken direct to a family, the authorities at the hospital having deemed it unsafe to send him to their convalescent home.

A father called one day with two little people, aged four and two. For months he had been trying to live with a drunken wife who abused and neglected the children. Both children had whooping-cough. The father's visit to the office was made after a two days' absence of the mother. He had been to other places. One Home was full; in the second there was a contagious disease, and in another still another disease. The father was so beside himself from exhaustion and the strain through which he had passed that the children seemed unsafe in his care. Within an hour and a half from the time he was first seen they were in a good family. Another family of children suffering from whooping-cough was placed immediately.

**Preservation of Families.**

The first effort with every case is to discover whether there is not some way of keeping the family together. If there is no basis of union, and the family must be broken up, the effort is to have as few fragments as possible. We have in our care, placed together, five families of four children each, six of three each, and twelve of two each. Six children from one family were placed together for a summer outing. The

widest range in ages in these families is from two years and six months to thirteen years in one case, and from seven months to nine years in another. Our observation of children is that separation of brothers and sisters of tender



"I HAVE HAD FIVE RIDES IN A BUGGY."

age is a great hardship. A widowed mother had struggled bravely for two years to make a home for her four little daughters. She knew perfectly well the significance of the hemorrhage that was followed by a persistent cough, but where was the money to pay a physician and to support the children if she gave up work? Imagine the feelings of those little girls when one day it was learned that their mother was very ill and must go away from them to get well if she could. There was a hurried breaking-up of the home, and great anxiety as to where the children should go. There were sleepless nights, and meals when their appetites failed. They had heard of a Home where two of them might possibly go, but the other two were too old to be admitted. They had heard also of another Home where perhaps the other two might go, or possibly three of them might be in one place and the fourth in another. When it was announced to these little girls that all four of them were to be together in a family in a near-by suburb there was the greatest rejoicing. One little girl jumped up and clapped her hands. Another of them



seemed unmoved, but it was learned a few days later that before the visitor from our office had left the yard she swooned and fell. Two days later it was noticed that the child was not using her right arm. A physician was called and found that the wrist had been fractured. She had endured the pain without saying a word because she did not want to give her mother any added worry.

**Tuberculosis.** We wish to say a word regarding tuberculosis. The Boston Children's Friend Society has made no special effort to discover the extent to which this disease would figure as a cause of destitution among its cases. However, a casual enumeration reveals the fact that twenty-nine children (representing fifteen families) out of a total of one hundred and eighty-five under the care of the Society during the year have lost either one or both parents by this disease, or one or the other of the parents is now suffering and disabled on account of it. Lack of money to pay a physician, dread of the diagnosis, the dependent little ones about them, — these are all reasons why parents delay treat-

ment, often until it is too late. We have urged a number of these parents to see a physician. In two cases it was too late, or at least the physicians would not recommend them to the Rutland Sanatorium as hopeful patients. These



cases demand prompt, energetic, and adequate treatment. Where there are children it seems to us that it is of special importance that the parent's mind should be made easy concerning them. The mother of the four little girls referred to above is now in the Rutland Sanatorium, and her progress towards recovery is almost unprecedented. The physicians attribute this largely to the fact that she feels so perfectly happy regarding the children. She visited the family before they were placed, and also saw the children happy and contented in their new home before she went to the Sanatorium, and their frequent letters afford her the best of tonics. This was practically the experience of another mother who has now returned from the Sanatorium and is herself making a home for two of her family of six children.

### **Hardships of Childhood.**

Let me give you a few glimpses into the early lives of some of these children. Who wonders that little George is inclined to lie and play truant and even take things which do not belong to him when it is understood that at one period he was required to go to the factory where his father was employed and lug away bags of coal which the father had surreptitiously heaved out of a window into a back street? Four-year-old Gertrude said one day, holding up two little fingers, "We got just two cups t'aint broke. I like you better 'n my mamma 'cause she gets drunk 'n' p'liceman he comes to the house 'n' my mamma throws dishes right at my papa's head." Melburn at seven years was driven from home. He went to a neighbor and asked her if she would let him be her "little boy." Little Ethel found herself one day in a courtroom, facing the judge. She had not been a naughty girl. No, she had no home and was to be committed to some place where one would be found for her. A morning or two after being placed in a Christian family she told the good woman that she had had a "beautiful dream." And what would one suppose that this little lass,

hardly more than a baby, had been dreaming about? It was that she had a beautiful home, some one to love her, and all she wanted to eat. A slight, refined girl of fourteen was found one day in a South End employment office, crying. She had fled from a bad mother and evil surroundings, and had come from a city in a neighboring State, seeking employ-



A BOARDING-HOME.

ment. The advertisement she had answered was not for the kind of employment she desired. Her earthly possessions consisted of the clothing she wore, — her best, but too short, too narrow, and threadbare, — a small package, and fourteen cents. With the fourteen cents she planned to buy cloth to make an apron to cover her best dress. At the end of the first week's work she expected to have a dollar or so, and with this she planned to buy some other needed article of clothing, the next week something else, and the next, and the next.

Now a look into the lives of the children in their new homes as revealed by their letters: —



### Through Children's Eyes.

"I thought I would write you a few lines. . . . We are all well and happy I am glad it was a farm we have 11 cows 2 pigs 2 horses 100 hens and 1 dog and we have all the milk we want. . . . and we have some lovely red apples and we have 4 cats. . . . We all clean our teeth But charlie wont let us clean his Back ones he wont open his mouth wide enough. Good bye

from your loving friend — —"

"Please excuse me for not writing for I have been going to school last week . . . We are on insurance and interest. I find them kind of easy. Thank you very much for the Poppies. I planted them the other day but I dont think they will amount to so much for they are terrible small. I am going to have a vegetable garden tonight. I would have had it last night but it rained. . . . The houseboat is painted and in the water and the little boat is painted and in the water and it is lovely. . . ."

Another lad who went to the country for his health writes :—

"It is beautiful out here the trees, hens, grass and flowers are all very pretty. The fresh air smells very nice.

"They have a cute little pig out here, and when they feed him he stands right in the trough and sucks his food through his nose. I fed the horse who is called Tony. The road is 2 miles long. I have had 5 rides on it in the buggy."

This is from a little girl :—

"I am having a nice time it is very comfortable and warm we had ice cream at the party I saw the man milk the cows and there was a hen who laid an egg in a barrel every day Albert is very happy he goes out roaing.

"We saw the bullet hole we went down to the Battle grounds and saw the Minnite man. . . . I will close for this time your respectfully."

Here is one from a boy who has made use of certain articles which are supposed to go with each outfit :—

"I have read Black beauty. I think it is a very nice book. It teaches who to take care of horse and how to treat them. I have clean my teeth every day and read a chapter of the bible you gave me, every morning."

The following is from the little girl referred to above who was found crying in the employment-office :—

“ I will say I know I could not be in a better home she is beautiful and so nice to me and she has got a nice little home and little white horse. . . . I have a lot of clothes, a brown suit and my blue one and a waist and I cant count them I have so many.”

#### Where Children Find Welcome.

One of the three hundred and ninety-seven applications for children reads as follows :—

“ . . . We are very fond of children. We had two boys and two girls, but our Heavenly Father took our three oldest to live with him, and it seems as though we shall never cease to miss them. God knows what is best for his children, and we have tried to be submissive. We live in the village, but have a large yard and shade-trees and a field where children can play ; also pets to amuse them, a little black-and-tan dog, doves, hens and chickens, cats and kittens.”

This home on investigation was approved, and the following letter is from a little girl who was placed in the family :—

“ I like here very much ; . . . we have quite a number of dollies I have a kitten all my one her name is pansy. I have two baby doves and they are very pretty they are almost all white. I like my school teacher her name is Miss Putny. And my Sunday School teacher's name is Miss Fitts. I like our minister. . . . We have a lot of nuts to pick write in our side yard.”

In another family there was even greater loneliness ; for an only child, a little girl of seven, had gone out of the home. A letter from the good woman received a few days after we had sent a little girl to her stated in closing :

“ I wish you could have seen her in her little white bed last night.”  
Asleep in that once empty cot was the little girl who had dreamed of a “beautiful home” and of love and all she wanted to eat, and here was a lonely woman with a heart of love almost breaking for very want of expression stealing to

her room to look lovingly upon her as she slept, as she had so often stolen softly to the bedside of her own little one.

It is a matter of surprise to some people that good homes can be found for children, especially that there is any one who will receive those who have been neglected and are dirty, ragged, and forlorn and in need of soap and water generally. We are well acquainted with the neglectful parent and with the resulting condition of his child, but nevertheless we are more impressed by the patience, the sacrifice, the long-suffering which leads parents to lay down their very lives for their children. Of course, children are often found who are in a shocking condition in spite of the attempts of some one to "fix them up," as one father put it when explaining the efforts of a neighbor to help him out with his two little ones. Such children are more to be pitied, and must be cared for. At most this part of it only calls for extra soap and a bathtub and scissors, and possibly larkspur-seed, and it is soon over. It is the purifying of hearts and minds, the creating of right desires and pure affections, that require loving and long-continued sacrifice and devotion. No one familiar with the work would care to give the impression that it is an easy task to do what ought to be done for little children who must leave their own homes because of sickness, accident, death, or the wrong-doing of parents; but is there anything better for childhood than wholesome family life, and why should it seem strange in this Christian land that people can be found who will receive these children into their homes? When the sculptor can see the features of the cherub in the rough stone and the lover of art can discover the masterpiece in the mildewed and musty canvas, why should it seem strange that the heart of Christian motherhood can discern the hidden sweetness of a little child perchance in spite of sad eyes and pallid cheeks, and even dirt and grime, and is it not quite as well worth while that she should bring the

real child to light and life as that the sculptor should chisel the angel or the artist bring again to view the features as the master painted them?

**Our Appeal.** We have no money from any public source, only voluntary subscriptions, and our income from invested funds averages but \$3,500 annually. We ask to be remembered in wills and to be placed upon lists of objects for contributions. The Boston Children's Friend Society! Did you ever hear a better name for a child-caring organization? This anniversary completes its sixty-ninth year. We closed the year without a deficit. Every dollar given this year will go, therefore, for the present need of some child. We are caring for more children now and need more money. We ask your help.

In closing I wish to quote some words from our good friend Jacob A. Riis:—

“Your people never helped a better cause than the Boston Children's Friend Society, and must never let go of it. He who is ‘the children's friend’ is the citizen who counts not only for to-day, but for to-morrow, and for that brighter to-morrow, with its promise: ‘Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me.’”

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, October 31, 1902.

WM. QUINCY WALES, *Treasurer*, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children . . . . .	\$4,751 59
Income from invested funds . . . . .	3,778 16
Assistant Treasurer. Donations . . . . .	414 00
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	26 70
Refund State Bank tax . . . . .	24 54

## LEGACIES:—

Additional from the estate of Mrs. Sarah B. Hyde . . . . .	1,000 00
Osler Loan, paid on account . . . . .	5,000 00
Christmas Appeal. Donations . . . . .	293 00
Refund Dedham Telephone . . . . .	3 07
Rebate Dedham Insurance . . . . .	11 48
Hay at Dedham . . . . .	15 00
Park Street Society, income from bequest of Mehitabel P. Gay . . . . .	15 00
Proceeds of Rummage Sale at Dedham . . . . .	395 66
Auction Sale Personal Property at 48 Rutland Street . . . . .	907 07
Collection at Old South Church, Address by Jacob A. Riis . . . . .	282 45

DONATIONS . . . . .	1,412 96
<i>Balance from old account . . . . .</i>	<i>379 25</i>

\$18,709 93

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$3,633 23
Travel, etc. . . . .	492 55
Board of children and clothes . . . . .	7,775 47
Office expenses . . . . .	623 26
Postage and express . . . . .	131 30
Printing . . . . .	205 10
Thomas Weston, Trustee, Expenses on Creech Mtge., . . . . .	364 88
Expense of Annual Meeting at Old South Church . . . . .	75 00
Dedham Water Co., water 1901 . . . . .	37 64
Christmas expenses . . . . .	23 62
Expense to Detroit Convention . . . . .	36 50
Investments . . . . .	3,134 44
Dedham repairs . . . . .	8 58

\$16,541 57

*Balance carried forward to new account . . . . .* 2,168 36

\$18,709 93

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

BOSTON, October 25, 1902.

We have examined the foregoing cash account and find the same correct and properly vouched.

COSTELLO C. CONVERSE,  
J. CONVERSE GRAY,  
*Auditors.*

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from :—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861. Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	1,000 00 4,170 00
Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," Jan. 8, 1879 . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," April 25, 1884 .	5,000 00
Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," "to be added to the permanent fund of the Society, of which only the interest shall be used for the support of the Society," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," Aug. 31, 1889 . . .	500 00

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*Amount carried forward . . . . .* \$34,270 00



<i>Amount brought forward,</i> . . . . .	\$34,270 00
Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. W. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecow, "Lizzie H. Brimbecow Memorial Fund," . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$79,040 92

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of —— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors (or, *the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*), and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.



## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board.

Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

# SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1902.

## CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday-School Class of Miss Caroline D. Aborn, Medford . .	\$ 5 00
Congregational Sunday School, Reading . . . . .	33 00
Clover Circle, Second Congregational Church, Dorchester . .	5 00
Sunday School, Second Congregational Church, Dorchester .	15 00
Harvard Sunday School, Brookline . . . . .	97 00
Bible School, First Baptist Church, Reading . . . . .	3 42
First Baptist Church, Stoneham . . . . .	7 10
Mount Vernon Sunday School . . . . .	10 00
Mystic-side Congregational Sunday School, Everett . . . .	2 00
Union Church, collection Friday evening meeting, March 14, 1902 . . . . .	11 17
Old South Church . . . . .	341 02
Sunday School, Congregational Church, Dedham . . . . .	8 00

\$537 71

## INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Adams, A. J. . . . .	\$100 00	Blodgett, Mrs. Caleb . .	\$2 00
Adams, Mrs. W. B. . . .	7 00	Bolles, Richard F. . . .	5 00
Alford, Mrs. O. H. . . .	5 00	Botsford, C. B. . . . .	2 00
Alford, Miss Martha . .	5 00	Bronson, Mrs. Dillon . .	2 00
Allen, Mrs. A. H. . . . .	2 00	Brown, Mr. Chas. F. . .	5 00
Allen, Mrs. A. N. . . . .	2 00	Bullard, Mrs. G. W. . .	1 00
Allen, Chas. . . . .	1 00	Burdett, E. W. . . . .	5 00
Allen, Rev. F. B. . . . .	10 00	Butler, Mrs. C. S. . . .	2 00
Allen, Miss Josephine .	5 00	Butler, Ernest S. . . .	1 00
Anonymous . . . . .	40 00	Butler, Miss Isabel J. .	2 00
Atwood, Mrs. R. K. . . .	2 00	Capen, Mrs. Wm. H. . .	2 00
Baker, Mrs. Ezra H. . . .	2 00	Capen, S. B. . . . .	5 00
Baker, Mrs. Ruth B. . .	2 00	Cash . . . . .	1 00
Barnes, Mrs. Amos . . .	1 00	Carpenter, Mrs. Geo. O. .	2 00
Barry, John L. . . . .	10 00	Carr, Mrs. John . . . .	2 00
Bayley, Mary R. . . . .	10 00	Chick, Mrs. I. W. . . .	2 00
Beals, Mrs. Wm. . . . .	2 00	E. C. S., Mrs. . . . .	10 00
Beaman, Mrs. N. P. . . .	2 00	Child, Miss Abbie . . .	1 00
Benedict, Mrs. W. G. . .	2 00	Child, Miss Myra . . .	1 00
Blake, Miss M. S. . . .	2 00	Clapp, Mrs. W. W. . . .	2 00
Bliss, L. C. . . . .	10 00	Coburn, Mrs. Geo. W. .	2 00

Coffin, Mrs. C. C. . . .	\$1 00	Hitchings, Mrs. H. H. . .	\$2 00
Conant, Mrs. Wm. M. . .	2 00	Holmes, Mrs. John . . .	2 00
Converse, Mrs. C. C. . .	27 00	Hodgkins, Mrs. W. E. . .	2 00
Crozier, I. W. . . . .	5 00	Hooper, C. I. . . . .	25 00
		Houghton, C. S. . . . .	5 00
Daniels, Mrs. J. E. . . .	12 00	Houghton, Miss E. A. . .	5 00
Davis, Mrs. Simeon . . .	3 00	Howe, Annie L. . . . .	2 00
Day, Mrs. Moses H. . . .	2 00	Howe, Mrs. J. S. . . . .	2 00
Dill, Mrs. C. H. . . . .	2 00	Howell, Wm. J. . . . .	1 00
Dizer, Mrs. Silas C. . . .	2 00	Hunneman, Mrs. Wm. . .	2 00
Dunn, Mrs. Edw. H. . . .	2 00	Hunt, Mrs. Frank W. . .	2 00
Durant, Mrs. H. F. . . .	5 00	Hyde, Mrs. Henry D. . .	2 00
		Hyde, Miss Louvan . . .	1 00
Edwards, Miss Hannah M.	5 00		
“ “ H. M. . . . .	5 00	James, Mrs. Frank E. . .	2 00
Emerson & Co., D. R. . .	3 00	Jefferies, Mrs. John A. .	5 00
Emery, Miss Mary . . . .	2 00		
Estabrook, A. F. . . . .	10 00	Kelley, S. F. . . . . .	10 00
		Kendall, Mrs. C. S. . . .	2 00
Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall	2 00	Kimball, Mrs. David P. .	5 00
Field, Mrs. J. W. . . . .	3 00	Kimball, Mrs. Edward . .	1 00
Fiske, Mrs. Charlotte M.	25 00	Kingsley, C. W. . . . .	100 00
Fitts, Mrs. E. C. . . . .	2 00	Knapp, Miss Katharine .	2 00
Foss, E. N. . . . . .	50 00	Krebs, Mrs. F. H. . . .	2 00
“ Friend ” . . . . .	575 00		
“ Friend ” . . . . .	1 00	Lane, Mrs. C. B. . . . .	2 00
“ Friend ” . . . . .	2 00	Lane, Mrs. J. A. . . . .	5 00
“ Friend ” . . . . .	1 00	Learnard, Miss L. M. . .	2 00
Frost, Mrs. Henry . . . .	2 00	Leland, Mrs. Lewis A. .	2 00
		Libbey, Mrs. Wm. . . . .	6 00
Garritt, Mrs. Wm. B. . . .	2 00	Lockwood, Miss A. de F.	3 00
Gaston, Mrs. Wm. . . . .	2 00	Loomis, Mrs. S. L. . . .	2 00
Gay, Mrs. Albert . . . . .	2 00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. C. . .	15 00
Gibbs, Lyman . . . . .	5 00	Lovett, Mrs. Augusta S.	2 00
Glidden, Mrs. Emma . . .	2 00		
Glover, Mrs. H. R. . . . .	5 00	Macomber, Miss S. E. . .	2 00
Gray, Mrs. Jos. H. . . . .	2 00	Martin, Mrs. J. L. . . .	1 00
Green, Mrs. Geo. H. . . .	2 00	Mason, Mrs. Mortimer B.	2 00
Grew, H. S. . . . . .	10 00	Mass. Char. Fire Soc. . .	50 00
		McElveene, Rev. W. T. .	2 00
Hall, Mrs. C. A. . . . .	5 00	Means, Miss M. B. . . .	2 00
Hardy, Mrs. Alpheus . . .	2 00	Merriheu, Mrs. E. T. . .	2 00
Hart, Miss Emma . . . .	2 00	Merrill, Mrs. Henry R. .	2 00
Hauthaway, Mrs. E. D. . .	2 00	Merrill, Mrs. Luther . .	2 00
Hecht, Mrs. J. H. . . . .	2 00	Merritt, Mrs. Geo. W. . .	2 00
Henchman, N. H. . . . .	10 00	Miller, Miss C. A. . . .	1 00
Hill, Miss Anna C. . . . .	1 00	Morrill, Geo. E. . . . .	3 00
Hill, Mrs. Hamilton A. . .	2 00	Morse, Mrs. Chas. A. . .	3 00
Hinckley, Mrs. Fred'k . .	2 00		

Nichols, Mrs. E. H. . . .	\$2 00	Stephens, Mr. Jos. C. . . .	\$5 00
Nichols, Lyman . . . .	20 00	Stetson, Mrs. Fannie B. . .	2 00
Norton, Mrs. Fred L. . . .	1 00	Stetson, Miss S. M. . . .	5 00
Noyes, Mrs. David W. . .	2 00	Stockwell, Mrs. S. N. . . .	2 00
Nutter, Mrs. Chas. P. . . .	2 00	Stokes, M. C. . . . .	2 00
Paine, Miss Margaret E. . .	2 00	Stowell & Co., A. . . . .	10 00
Pease, Mrs. E. G. S. . . .	2 00	Swaim, Mrs. A. D. . . . .	2 00
Peabody, Mrs. Chas. . . .	1 00	Tapley, Amos P. . . . .	5 00
Pearce, Mrs. John and daughters . . . . .	15 00	Taylor, Mrs. S. P. . . . .	2 00
Perkins, A. G. . . . .	3 00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C. . . .	2 00
Porteous, Mrs. John . . . .	2 00	Torrey, Mrs. Elbridge . . .	10 00
Potter, Mrs. W. B. . . . .	10 00	Townsend, Mrs. J. B. . . .	2 00
Pratt, Mrs. Albert . . . .	5 00	Trine, Ralph Waldo . . . .	3 00
Proctor, Mrs. Henry H. . .	2 00	Tucker, Mrs. J. Alfred . . .	2 00
Putnam, Mrs. Geo. J. . . .	2 00	Turner, Mrs. W. H. . . . .	2 00
Putnam & Co., F. . . . .	2 00	Van Nason, M. . . . .	5 00
Quincy, Mrs. M. C. S. . . .	25 00	Van Wagenen, Mrs. A. . . .	2 00
Rand, Mrs. H. C. . . . .	2 00	Wales, Mrs. W. Q. . . . .	2 00
Richards, Mrs. Henry C. . .	2 00	Wales, Miss Charlotte E. (life membership) . . . .	25 00
Richards, Miss Annie L. . .	10 00	Warren, Mrs. Wm. W. . . . .	10 00
Richards, Mrs. A. R. . . .	10 00	Weeks, Mrs. A. G. . . . .	2 00
Richardson, Miss M. L. . . .	2 00	White, Mrs. James . . . . .	2 00
Rogers, Mrs. O. F. . . . .	2 00	White, Mrs. Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Rollins, Mrs. Chas. . . . .	2 00	White, Mrs. Jonathan . . . .	2 00
Scott, Matthew . . . . .	10 00	White, Mrs. W. H. . . . .	27 00
Schofield, Mrs. H. . . . .	1 00	White, Miss Susie E. . . . .	2 00
Sharp, Mrs. E. B. . . . .	2 00	Whiting, Mrs. I. O. . . . .	2 00
Shepard, Mrs. L. D. . . . .	2 00	Whittemore, Mrs. Henry . . .	2 00
Smith, Mrs. Thos. . . . .	2 00	Williams, Mrs. Henry J. . . .	2 00
Snow, Mrs. Henry C. . . . .	2 00	Winch, Mrs. C. M. . . . .	2 00
Stanwood, Mrs. A. G. . . .	2 00	Wood, Mrs. Frank . . . . .	2 00
Stearns, Mrs. R. H. . . . .	5 00	Worthley, Mrs. Mary E. . . .	1 00
Steise, Mrs. Edward . . . .	2 00	Wright, Mrs. A. M. . . . .	20 00

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\$1,607 00

## MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

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- Alexander, Mrs. S. B., baby carriage.  
Boston Y. M. C. U., carriage-rides and car-tickets.  
Cutler, Mrs. Jas. T., clothing.  
Flint, Marion, and Twombly, Fletcher, 2 scrap-books.  
Fleischner, 2 baby carriages, infants' bonnets.  
Huckins, Mrs. Frank, baby carriage, high chair, rocking-horse.  
Johnson, Mrs. Samuel, baby carriage.  
Kendall, Miss Georgiana, 100 copies "Black Beauty."  
McLellan, Mrs. Ella H., box of clothing.  
Merrill, Mrs. H. H., clothing.  
Merrill, Miss Alice C., hats and trimmings.  
Miller, Mrs. H. A., baby carriage.  
Needlework Guild, box of clothing.  
"Once a Boy Himself," 29 suits of clothes.  
Peabody, Mrs. C., 2 packages of clothing.  
Putnam, Nellie F., "In His Name," box of clothing.  
Seccomb, Dorothy, 13 copies "Youth's Companion," 2 copies "St. Nicholas."  
Trine, Ralph Waldo, 25 copies "Beautiful Joe."



# MEMBERS.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Allen, Mrs. F. D.      | * Giles, Mrs. Alfred E.  | Sawyer, Mrs. Joseph      |
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| * Beecher, Mrs. Lyman    | * Howe, Mrs. Jabez C.    | * Tappan, Mrs. John      |
| * Bliss, Mrs. Seth       | * Kendall, Mrs. C. S.    | * Waitt, Mrs. Henry      |
| * Cushing, Mrs. Thos. P. | * Mears, Miss Catherine  | * Watts, Mrs. Francis O. |
| * Eustis, Mrs. W. T.     | * Proctor, Mrs. John C.  | * Wilde, Mrs. George C.  |
| * Fowle, Mrs. Parker     | * Reynolds, Mrs. William |                          |

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
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| * Mrs. N. Adams            | Adams, Mrs. W. B.          | Bingham, George P.         |
| Rev. F. B. Allen           | Adams, Walter B.           | Bingham, Mrs. Geo. P.      |
| * Rev. G. W. Blagden       | * Adan, J. R.              | Blake, Miss Alice Norton   |
| * Mrs. G. W. Blagden       | * Adan, Mrs. J. R.         | Blake, Mrs. G. B.          |
| Rev. Nehemiah Boynton      | Ahl, Mrs. Daniel           | Bixby, Mrs. J. P.          |
| Mrs. Nehemiah Boynton      | * Aiken, Mrs. Silas        | * Blaney, Mrs. M. A.       |
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| Mrs. C. M. Butler          | Allen, Mrs. A. H.          | Bowdlear, Mrs. H. H.       |
| Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark       | Allen, Mrs. C. H.          | * Bowles, Mrs. S. J.       |
| Rev. E. L. Clark           | * Allen, Mrs. Frederick D. | Boyden, Mrs. Lucy          |
| Mrs. E. L. Clark           | Amory, Mrs.                | * Breed, Mrs. H.           |
| Rev. C. B. Crane           | * Amory, Mrs. J. S.        | Brooks, Miss Sarah G.      |
| Mrs. C. B. Crane           | Appleton, Mrs. S.          | Brown, Mrs. C. H.          |
| * Rev. J. H. Fairchild     | Ayer, S. H., M.D.          | Brown, Miss L. J.          |
| * Rev. A. J. Gordon        |                            | Brown, Mrs. S. N.          |
| Mrs. A. J. Gordon          |                            | * Brown, Mrs. William      |
| Rev. H. K. Greene          | * Babcock, C. A.           | Burdett, Mrs. H. S.        |
| Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington  | Babcock, Mrs. C. A.        | Butler, Mrs. C. S.         |
| Mrs. F. D. Huntington      | * Babcock, Mrs. Eliza      |                            |
| * Rev. W. Hague            | Babcock, Mrs. Nancy        |                            |
| * Mrs. W. Hague            | Bacon, Miss A. E.          | * Capen, Mrs. E. W.        |
| * Rev. G. B. Ide           | Bacon, Jacob               | * Capen, Miss Henrietta    |
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From time to time the question is asked if the new method of placing the children in homes is the best way of helping them. We as directors say yes. And the opportunities which we have of judging prove to us that in no other way could the child be given such a chance for development.

We now have about thirty children in free homes, and the interest of the guardians indicates that the little ones are worthy of all that is bestowed upon them.

We are very grateful to all our friends who by donations of any kind have helped our work; especially do we acknowledge the gift, from the proprietor of a large drug-store, of fifty bottles of Maltase and Cod-liver Oil, which was most beneficial, as many of the children who come to us are very delicate from neglect and want of proper nourishment.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the great service rendered to the children by our staff of physicians. The results of improper care, which many of the children coming to us have received, show themselves in their physical condition. These children are fortunate indeed to receive the benefit of the skill of these physicians.

We would especially thank Dr. Arthur C. Jelly, Dr. John N. Coolidge, Dr. Emma L. Call, and Dr. J. L. Goodale, for upon them has fallen a greater part of the

work. Their time has been given without stint, and they have enabled us to do vastly more for the children than we could have done without their counsel.

During the coal panic the premises at 48 Rutland Street were placed at the disposal of the Coal Supply Committee, who used it as a distributing-station.

The past year the Society has aided in various ways about five hundred children, and it is earnestly hoped that new friends will help us with contributions to continue this great and good work.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, *Clerk.*

## OBJECT AND METHOD.

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This Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistent with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls, homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

SHERMAN C. KINGSLEY,  
*General Secretary.*

## FAIR OF THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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The financial results of the fair held at The Vendome Nov. 12 and 13, 1903, may be seen from the following table.

The Directors wish to take this additional opportunity of thanking the many friends of the Society for their generous response to this appeal, and for the great personal effort that was put into it by every one connected with the fair. It was this hearty and generous response, both with money, articles, and time, that made the fair such a conspicuous success.

Pitcher Table, Miss L. M. Lamkin . . . . .	\$ 74 56
Cake Table, Mrs. William H. White . . . . .	35 15
Fancy Articles (Dedham), Mrs. Albert W. Nickerson . . . . .	65 95
Household Articles, Mrs. J. C. Lane . . . . .	140 73
Candy Table, Mrs. E. G. S. Pease . . . . .	209 00
Trinity Church Table, Mrs. William V. Kellen . . . . .	332 55
Jelly and Preserve Table, Mrs. William Q. Wales . . . . .	271 00
Home Department, Mrs. E. G. S. Pease . . . . .	21 75
Wellesley Table, Mrs. Sherman C. Kingsley . . . . .	170 39
Harvard Church Table, Miss Grace Hopkins . . . . .	165 90
Miscellaneous Table, Mrs. Fred M. Newcomb . . . . .	64 00
Flower Table, Mrs. Frank R. Thomas . . . . .	225 00
Old South Table, Mrs. J. Converse Gray, of which \$125 was from the Apron Table, presided over by Mrs. John A. An- derson . . . . .	534 36
Fancy Articles, Mrs. George P. Bingham . . . . .	474 66
Chinese Laundry Grab-bag, Mrs. Henry Hitchings . . . . .	25 00
Infants' Table, Mrs. H. H. Proctor . . . . .	384 85
Tea Table . . . . .	23 60
Donation for the Fair . . . . .	2 00
Palmist . . . . .	8 25
Balance from concert given at home of Mrs. Hyde . . . . .	56 93
	\$3,285 63

MRS. HENRY H. PROCTOR,  
*Chairman of Fair Committee.*



## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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A great preacher once said that the Almighty is omnipotent through patience. The worker among children will in the long run be successful in the degree that this divine order of patience is mingled with the qualities of the clear head and the loving heart. Bad hereditary conditions coupled with bad environment during the early years of life yield appalling results. Such unfortunate circumstances dwarf the young life physically, mentally, and morally, and the evil effects are corrected, if happily they can be undone at all, only by loving self-sacrifice and great patience on some one's part.

The task set for the agent who works among these children is to find this environment for them. There must be the ability to see the image of God in these little ones, no matter how much it may be obscured by misfortunes of birth and environment.



*Earning his way through school.*

**Applications and Disposals.** We have received applications in behalf of 354 children during the year. The causes leading to these applications are very much the same as in former years. About half were on account of the wrong-doing of one or both parents, and the other half due to sickness, accident, or death.

Sixty-three children were admitted to the care of the Society; 131 were referred to 19 child-caring societies, hospitals, or other agencies especially adapted to the peculiar needs. In the case of 82 some solution was found that did not involve the removal of the child from the family; 44 were withdrawn, and 22 were pending at the end of the year. There are now 116 children under our care. The daily average for the year has been 112. They range in age from mere babies to boys and girls in free homes or working for wages. The average age is between seven and eight years.

The following disposals were made of the children dismissed from our care during the year: to parents and relatives, 56; Division of Minor Wards, 2; The Refuge, 1; Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 1; Society for Aiding Mothers and Infants, 1; died, 1.



**Real Family Life.** It is probably well known that the Society now cares for its children in private families in the country and suburbs. The following extract on the general subject of "Country Training for Boys" is quoted from President Eliot:

When a child grows up in the country it gets a natural training in accurate observation. It wants to find a four-leaf clover; it runs to see where the green snake went to; it tracks the woodchuck to its hole and gets it out; it learns the songs of the birds, and knows when the smelts run up the brooks and when the twilight is just right for finding the partridges. In short, the country child gets naturally a broad training in

observation. It also has on the farm an admirable training in manual labor. From an early age it can actually contribute to the care of animals, the successful conduct of the household, and the general welfare of the family. In the city all this natural training is lacking, and substitutes for it have to be artificially provided. We do not yet see how to replace in urban education the training which the farmer's boy or the seacoast boy gets from his habitual contest with the adverse forces of nature.

This accords entirely with our views, and the results of this method of care for our children also bear witness to its truth. It is no theory about life; it is life. The letters from our children and their conversation about their new homes are full of such observations as these:—

One boy writes:

I have fine fun getting the cows at night. We have got a little bossy cow. There is swallows got a nest in our barn and has eggs in it, and another kind of bird has a nest with some eggs in it. I went fishing on Saturday and caught one fish.

From one of our girls:

We all go in a boat every day, and I have learned to row. We have been fishing twice and I have n't caught one. I don't think I would do for a fisherman's daughter. I started to learn to swim, but I have n't succeeded yet. I guess I never will. Mrs. F's oldest child swims beautifully, and it makes me ashamed to think how a little child should learn to swim before I. . . .

Another lad says:

The hay is all in the barn except the people that are behind time, but there is n't any people slow around here in summer. I have seen a bluebird, pheober, robin and a bobolink. I heard the bobolink one night and he was singing bobolink, bobolink, spink, spank, spink, and I liked to hear him. When you come up, we must ascend the grand old throne of the country, Monadnock Mountain.



*Sisters happy together.*

This mountain seems to be making a deep impression upon the boy, for he seldom writes without making some allusion to this most commanding object on his horizon.

## Health of the Children.

We have made a hurried table, showing in a rough way the physical condition of the children who have been admitted. Out of a total of 174 children in the care of the placing-out department this year, 75 have needed the attention of physicians or visits to infirmaries or hospitals. There have been ten operations for adenoids; twelve children had difficulty with their eyes; four, with ears; four, nervous disorders; four, spinal trouble; nine, bronchial trouble; two, chilblains; two, anæmia; one, malaria; one, tuberculosis; four, kidney difficulty; one, Pott's disease. Two operations which proved to be of great interest from a medical standpoint were performed on children of peculiar dispositions and habits. There was one operation for bowed legs which involved breaking the limbs in order to straighten them. Seventy-five required dental work. This has required 135 visits to dentists, 84 to physicians, 137 to the infirmary, and 101 to hospitals.

This affords some idea of the vigilance required of the visitors in safeguarding health, and seeing to it that these children start life physically as well equipped as possible.

Beyond these difficulties, which were already fastened upon the children when they came to us, the health has been good. There has been nothing more serious than grippe and colds and disorders which are likely to visit any child.

Cared for, as they are, in private families, no other child is at all concerned if one happens to be ill, unless it is among some of our families of brothers and sisters.

There has been one death during the year. This was a lad of fifteen who had been with us two years. He died of malarial tuberculosis. He had always been a frail child, and his mother died of consumption. This makes the second death among our children since

August, 1900, a period of three years and three months. The other was a little girl of four, who died of acute Bright's disease. She was apparently one of our healthiest children, and was in good condition when admitted. She was ill only five days, and went down steadily, in



*The mother of these children is dead. We care for them in one family, the oldest boy earning his board and clothes.*

spite of the ministrations of two physicians and a nurse.



### **Preservation of Families.**

This Society has always stood strongly for the preservation of the family. It has saved many a worthy father and mother from the pain of permanent separation from their children, even though it has taken years to re-



establish the family. We also make a strong effort to keep brothers and sisters of tender age together, when it is necessary for them to leave their own homes.

Six motherless little brothers and sisters are growing up together in one family under our care. The father is doing all he possibly can towards the financial support, and is happy in the thought that his children are together. The oldest lad is earning his own way in this family.

We have also placed together three families of four brothers and sisters, eight of three, and eleven of two each. Seven years ago four children were admitted to the care of the Society. Their mother was in the last stages of consumption. After a long and wasting illness she died. At first the father could pay only a small portion of the expense on account of loss of work and heavy bills. The oldest boy is now employed by a leading bank in this city; the next in age is in the General Passenger Agent's Office of a leading railroad, and the youngest brother and sister are together. The father is now able to pay all the expenses. When he was in his deepest trouble he saw no way to keep his children. Through help and encouragement when it was needed he was able to do so, however, and now it would be hard to find a prouder, happier father than he, and there is no doubt that he is a better man for continuing to sacrifice for them.

Of course there are parents who disappoint us and who prove base and unworthy to have anything to do with the management of their children, and we are sometimes obliged to do all in our power to place the children beyond their control. Nevertheless, we cannot lose sight of the fact that longing for one's kindred is something that will not die in the human breast. It is sure to grow with the growth of the child. It is impressed upon him daily as he mingles with his fel-

lows who have father or mother, brothers or sisters, and he is especially reminded of his strange position on holidays when families re-unite. We are often made aware of this both by letter and by calls from people making the rounds of the city charities in an attempt to find out who they really are and whether they have kindred living.



**Country Life  
for Children.**

Our children enjoy life in their new surroundings and seem to forget quickly the old order of things. For instance, three little sisters who were at one time among the most wretched dwellers of one of the crowded parts of the city and who, perhaps more than any other three children, excited the interest and pity of a group of settlement workers, are now in the country. It has been necessary for them this summer to visit the children's hospital, on account of spinal curvature. They have had little gardens of their own, and through the summer they brought flowers, not only from their gardens, but flowers that had been gathered by other children, to give to the little sufferers in the hospital.



*He has stopped playing truant.*

The first money received at the office for a recent fair was from a little lad in our care. He is naturally a



peevish, selfish little fellow, but he seems to be making progress. He had been gathering hickory-nuts and selling them in order to buy an express-wagon. He sent in ten cents of this money to help the cause. It was quite a struggle for him to get to the point where he really wanted to do this, for he did not see how he was ever to get an express-wagon if he gave his money away.

The following letters will help to give the children's view of their present situation :—

A girl of ten writes :

I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that I am alive and I thought I would tell you I. got a letter from my grandma and she said that she heard that I. was trying to be a christian and I am trying to be a good girl. Mr. P. has 58 chickens in his bruder and if you come over to see us you can see the chickens. Mr. P. has gravely ground corn, and some meal cake he gives to the chickens and he takes the cake in his hands and crumbles up into fine bits and throws it into the hay and you ought to see them scramble for it they scratch after it and one of the chickens was born a cripple and I think the other chickens have been picking at it and the little chicken's head is all most bare in the back of it and he gets 17 eggs from his big flocks of hens and the chickens after they have been eating their food their crops are just as hard as can be and their little feathers are growing well. That cow is not giving much milk now and Mr. P. is going to kill jimejocks because he says he thinks he is a worthless cat he don't catch any rats and Mr. P. has to catch his rats himself.

Another letter :

Now I am going to make you laugh, F. wrote to me and she said Mrs. R's bird died, we had a funeral L. was the one to dig the grave, G. was the one to Sing and say a piece; I was the one to pray. . . .

P. S. You know my Glasses dont you, I brook one lens out, cant I send them in and have a nother put in like the other. As far as I am concerned I dont realy ned them any more.

Still another :

I think this is a beautiful place to live and I thank you for your loving kindness and all you have done for me. I hope every chld that you find a home for will enjoy it as much as I do. I think I will close now so goodby with lots of love

## From a nine-year-old girl:

I am going to write to you. How are all your folks now? We want you to come and see us. Write soon, please. I have such a lovely home and I am very happy. I love my parents very dearly and my Grandma too.

I have learned to love Jesus too. I will speak to you about my brother I would like to have Mr. W. take him if he could I would like to have him a good boy, and do what is right. Your loving friend.



### Responsibility of Parents.

I have stated that we believe in the preservation of the family. We also believe in using every resource in the family itself to bring about this result.

\$5,735.22 has been collected from parents and relatives this year towards the support of the children, and \$581.25 has been secured from persons or societies interested in special cases.



*The environment which helped to save a wayward boy.*

We meet the mother who would deny herself proper food and clothing, who would work when she ought to be in bed, in order to do for her children. Then there are fathers who spend their money in vice and drink while their wives and children suffer.

Such a mother is made to feel easy about her children, and urged to use her money for food or clothing, and is often put in the way of a vacation or of receiving medical aid. Such fathers are reasoned with and all the law there is invoked, if necessary, to compel them to do their duty.

This policy of self-help extends to the children also. As soon as boys and girls are old enough to do for themselves they are placed in free homes, and some other helpless child can be supported. They mow lawns, help take care of gardens, take care of animals, work about the house; in short, make themselves useful, as is the custom with boys and girls in thrifty communities, where there is a chance to be of use.



**Expenses and  
Needs.**

It costs about \$15,000 a year to do our work. We are supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Our income from invested funds yields only about \$3,500 a year. It ought to be more than twice this amount. A bequest that will yield from \$100 to \$150 a year will support one child, and this can be passed on from one to another in perpetuity.

Some of our present demands are these. The mother of four little children is in an insane hospital. The father is an honest, temperate, industrious man, but has been almost overwhelmed by trouble. These four little children are now together in one of our families.

A brother and sister have just gone to a country home together. Their mother is dead; the father is an

inhuman wretch, guilty of unspeakable crimes. He has fled from justice. The house, in which there was an equity through the mother's money, together with all the furniture, was seized in foreclosure of a mortgage, and the children left absolutely destitute. The little girl is older than her brother, and her almost abnormal concern for him shows how she has tried to shield him during their unhappy childhood.

We have just provided for a pale-faced lad of seven. He is one of a family of six. The mother, with a heroism rarely seen, has cared for this little flock, although driven from home by the abuse of a cruel husband. She is a woman of refinement and ability, but she is breaking down under the strain, and her children bear in their slender little bodies the evidences of privation.

The little lad is already growing strong and rugged in a country home. He said to his mother, "I know you will get me a real home, for I heard you praying, and you asked God to help you find me one."

His little sisters are to go with him, and the mother will be given a chance to take the rest which her physician tells her she must have if she is to avoid breaking down completely.

Such is the work of the Boston Children's Friend Society. We have our share of disappointments. We have our failures. There are many things which we have not been able to do to our satisfaction, but which we hope to improve. Nevertheless, the work is full of promise. These boys and girls improve in health. The great majority of them make good use of their chances.

We have seen boys who were truants and of strongly wayward tendency become so engrossed in a dozen ways, when placed in wholesome surroundings and given something interesting to do, that they soon forgot all about running away and became enthusiastic in their school-work.

A girl who seemed hopelessly on the way to the reform school is now planning to take care of her visitor, whom she fears may break down. This girl finally came to realize how truly we had her interests at heart, and became convinced that we meant to keep at it until she did well.

Our great ambition is to become financially able to give every child who needs it a chance under wholesome and stimulating circumstances.

Meeting as we do to-day, through the kindness of Dr. Donald, in this room in Trinity Church, it seems especially fitting to close with some words of Phillips Brooks. Speaking of the hopefulness in work for children, he said: "It is as if you should drop something into the fountain which should rush on in the stream and go into the fields and make them richer. It is a joy to do something which shall not merely touch the present, but shall reach forward to the future."

SHERMAN C. KINGSLEY,  
*General Secretary.*



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1903.

WM. QUINCY WALES, *Treasurer*, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children, from parents and relatives . . . . .	\$5,735 <sup>22</sup>
From individuals or societies for special cases . . . . .	581 <sup>25</sup>
Income from invested funds . . . . .	3,429 <sup>17</sup>
Subscriptions and donations . . . . .	2,355 <sup>89</sup>
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	32 <sup>64</sup>
Refund State Bank Tax . . . . .	26 <sup>47</sup>

## LEGACIES:—

Ellen M. Gay, Executor, under will Albert Gay . . . . .	\$100 00
Under will Mrs. Martha F. Wilder . . . . .	582 00
Messrs. Minns & Kendall, Executors, under will of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund," the income only to be used . . . . .	5,000 00
Louis Hecht, Jr., Executor, under will of Jacob H. Hecht . . . . .	400 00
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	\$6,082 00
Investments paid . . . . .	1,700 00
<i>Balance from old account . . . . .</i>	<i>2,168 36</i>
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	\$22,111 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$4,179 <sup>78</sup>
Travel, etc. . . . .	588 <sup>82</sup>
Board of children, and clothes . . . . .	10,756 <sup>51</sup>
Office expenses . . . . .	378 <sup>64</sup>
Postage and express . . . . .	201 <sup>52</sup>
Printing . . . . .	203 <sup>02</sup>
Dedham taxes . . . . .	291 <sup>51</sup>
Insurance . . . . .	97 <sup>50</sup>
Expense to Atlanta Convention . . . . .	68 <sup>00</sup>
Investments . . . . .	4,655 <sup>12</sup>
<i>Balance carried forward to new account . . . . .</i>	<i>690 58</i>
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	\$22,111 00

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 25, 1903.

I have examined the foregoing cash account and find the same  
correct and properly vouched.

COSTELLO C. CONVERSE,  
*Auditor.*



## PERMANENT FUND.

The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861, Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," May 16, 1876 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," April 9, 1877 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," Jan. 8, 1879 . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," April 25, 1884 .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," "to be added to the permanent fund of the Society, of which only the interest shall be used for the support of the Society," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," Aug. 31, 1889 . . . .	500 00
<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<u>\$34,270 00</u>



<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$34,270 00
Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Memorial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
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Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund," the income only to be used . . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$85,040 92

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of——dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors (or, *the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*), and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

# SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1903.

## CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND CLUBS.

Boys' Club, Quincy . . . . .	\$24 00
Central Church . . . . .	31 00
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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls, homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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THE seventy-first anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society records one hundred and eight children in homes. Free homes have been provided for twenty-nine. The new method of placing the little ones in families has been successful in every way, and the most prejudiced against the change have become convinced that it brings a more healthful condition to the children than would be possible in any other way. Two months during the past year the Society opened its doors to more appeals than at any time in its history. That their needs have been met and satisfactorily adjusted has been acknowledged by our ever faithful Board of Directors, who keep constantly in touch with the children. The health of the little ones during the year has been very good, only one death, that of a little boy who had been ill with heart trouble for several years. A Resolution was passed last June that our Society is in favor of uniform records for the child-helping societies and will do all in its power to further that end. The co-operation of these societies is of great value to our work. It is with sincere regret that the Society has been obliged to accept the resignation of two of its valued officers: Mrs. Henry R. Glover, who has served us so long and faithfully as President, and Mr. Sherman C. Kingsley, our General Secretary, who has been such an inspiration to us. These places have been filled by the unanimous election of Mr. Henry H. Proctor as President, and Mr. Seymour H. Stone as General Secretary.

We acknowledge most gratefully the aid which has come to us from all our friends, and especially to the physicians who have given their services so generously. We feel that if our work was better known benevolent people would more frequently remember us with generous bequests.

We are very anxious to extend our assistance to all the deserving ones who apply, and ask those who are interested to call at our office and hear the gratifying reports that can be given of our method of placing children in good homes.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



“Happy hearts and happy faces,  
Happy play in grassy places—  
That was how, in ancient ages,  
Children grew to kings and sages.”

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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A YEAR ago the poor, discouraged mother of three children came to us with a tale of woe. We found that the husband, instead of supporting his family, as he was quite able to do, was spending his wages in gambling; in fact,



THREE MOTHERLESS BOYS WHOSE FATHER IS  
HELPING TO SUPPORT THEM IN  
A GOOD FAMILY.

he had become so inveterate a gambler that there seemed to be no possible way of arousing him to his responsibilities. Relatives did not feel that they could help, so we took the children and placed them together in a family. The mother, who had been an excellent cook, easily

secured a position at good wages, and was thus enabled to help pay the board. With the co-operation of the father's employer, whom we interested in the situation, and regular weekly visits to the father at the time he was paid off, we succeeded in getting from him something towards his children's support, thus making him realize that he was not entirely relieved of his responsibility. Both the mother and children improved greatly in their new life, but dissipation had such a hold upon the father that he went steadily down hill. From time to time we communicated with the relatives and

kept them informed about the family. As they watched the development of the children, they became so interested that one finally agreed to take the older girl, another the little boy, and we hope that before long a third will assume the care of the younger girl.



**Preservation of the  
Family the Key-note  
of Our Work.**

This illustration is given to emphasize the principle at the basis of all our work; namely, the preservation of the family as the foundation upon which society is built. Our first effort in every case that comes to us is to try to find a way in which we can help a father or mother to keep the children in their own home. No home for a child so good as that of its parents, if the parents are decent people, can possibly be found. If they are not decent, if the father drinks to excess and does not support his family, if he has deserted and left them destitute, if the mother is dissipated and neglects her little ones; in short, if the family must be broken up, our next effort is to find relatives who will care for the children. It is only when we know that there is no possibility of keeping the little ones with their own people that the Children's Friend Society takes them in charge. Then, to make up so far as possible for the home and mother



THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GROWING UP  
TOGETHER IN ONE OF OUR FAMILIES.

and loving care which they have lost, we place them in some other country home, with a good woman to mother them and give them the happy home life which every child must have if he is to develop nor-



GROWING STRONG AND HEARTY IN THE  
COUNTRY.

mally. We never give up the hope of re-establishing a family, and are eagerly watching for the opportunity of returning a child to his own kindred whenever we feel that they can give him proper care. The fathers and mothers who appeal to us for help are as full of grief at the thought of having to surrender their little ones as would be our more prosperous friends. The ultimate solution of a family problem is not

reached by breaking up the family and seizing upon the children. The parents are the other half of every problem.

During the year we have returned fifty children to relatives. Two brothers, of whom we have had charge for several years, and whose mother has been faithfully paying part of the board, have just gone back to her; for she has married again and has a comfortable home. These boys have been doing finely, and will soon be self-supporting. We were thus instrumental in tiding an overburdened mother over a difficult place, not in robbing her permanently of her children.

Over six years ago we came to the relief of a mother who was struggling bravely to support herself and two



little girls on small wages. The children were suffering from neglect during their mother's absence at work ; so we took them, thus making it possible for the mother to fit herself for a better position. She then secured a place in the office of a large business concern, where she has done so well that she has been advanced to a good salary. She has recently assumed full charge of her children again, and has before her a prosperous and happy future.

We are sometimes asked, "How long does the Society retain a child in its care?" Our answer is, "Just so long as the child has no suitable relative to care for him, and no longer. In the case of an entirely friendless child, until he has grown to full manhood and is self-supporting."



**A Few of Our Cases.** Three hundred and twenty children have come to us for help during the year, and where we have not taken the child in charge, we have been able to help toward some other solution. Often the difficulty can be handled more effectually with the co-operation of another organization equipped to meet the especial needs of the case,—the Associated Charities, a hospital, a day nursery,—and this co-operation is an important side of our work.

Our children come with varied stories of neglect and destitution. A few weeks ago we had a call from a disheartened man, the father of three small boys. The mother was in the hospital, dying from an operation. The father worked early and late, coming home at night to find that his children had been running the streets all day. They were bright and active, and he knew that without a mother's care they would grow wild and unmanageable. So he came to us in distress,



and we took the boys and placed them together in a good country family, where there is a kind foster-mother to guide them, and where their father can visit them regularly.

Last spring, a mother, who had been boarding



DESERTED BY THEIR MOTHER, THESE BABIES  
ARE SURROUNDED BY LOVING CARE  
IN ONE OF OUR FAMILIES.

her two little boys while she worked, found herself unable longer to carry the expense, because of constantly recurring illness. We arranged for her to see a physician, who advised an operation at once. There were no relatives to help, so we took charge of the boys while the mother went to the hospital, and later to a convalescent home. Now

she is again able to earn, and will begin to pay something regularly toward the board of her children.

A certain church worker found a girl and boy left utterly destitute by their father. Upon investigation, it appeared that the father had the year before deserted his dying wife and two children in England, and after arriving in America had married another woman. Before her death, his wife sent the children over to him, but upon their arrival he secured his second wife's property by forgery and left for parts unknown, presumably in search of further matrimonial adventures. We have placed these children out, and while at first they were

difficult and unmanageable, environment is slowly but surely proving to be stronger than heredity, and they are now doing so well that they are earning their own board by running errands, doing some of the chores, and helping with the housework out of school hours.



**Importance of  
Medical Work Among  
Our Children.**

When we have decided to take charge of a child, our first step is to ascertain its physical condition. If there are any evidences of unsoundness, arrangements are made to see a doctor, a dentist, or an oculist. Perhaps adenoids are discovered, in which case an operation is performed. The medical side of our work is of great interest, and we are developing more and more fully a system of co-operation with physicians. The necessity of this has been forced upon us by the poor physical condition in which we receive so many children. Parental neglect, unwholesome, insufficient food, unhygienic living,—all contribute to unsoundness of body, and we believe that before we undertake to develop the children's minds and hearts we must have them hearty and well. Of the one hundred and fifty-eight children long enough in our care during the last year to receive proper attention, twenty-one were operated upon for adenoids, one hundred and twelve visits were made to dentists, one hundred and one to physicians and hospitals, and eighty-one to the Eye and Ear Infirmary. That unless this very necessary attention were given, our children would find it hard as they grew up to compete with the average child, one illustration will show. A certain little girl whom we took into our care was found to have Potts disease of the spine. We made visit after visit with her to the hospital, where finally a stiff leather jacket was adjusted. With splendid care and whole-

some food in one of our families, the child began rapidly to improve. To-day she is well enough to attend school regularly, has had her jacket cut down in size, and expects eventually to be cured. Had she not received the care which we insisted she must have, she would probably have been a hunchback, a dependent upon others for support, all the rest of her life.



**The Investigation  
of Families.**

We are often asked, "Can you really find enough families who want to take children?" and our eloquent answer is that we have so many applications that we reject five out of every ten. This is a fine tribute to the soundness of heart of our New England people. We are able to hold ourselves to a very high standard in the selection of families, disapproving many of the applications because we place our children only where we know they will receive intelligent as well as loving care. The moral character of every member of the family to whom we intrust a child is thoroughly known to our visitor. The conditions under which the children will sleep and eat and play are carefully investigated before a family is put upon our approved list, and even when once approved, families are constantly watched.



**A Trip with One of  
Our Visitors to  
Place a Child.**

A trip with one of our visitors when she goes to place a child would be of great interest to one not familiar with our work. They start together, visitor and child, from the office, with a comfortable outfit of clothing in the big bag and anticipations of the new country home in the child's heart. They are met at their destination and driven to the house, where a warm, motherly welcome awaits

the little new-comer. Usually the child cannot stay to leave his bag, so eager is he to see the chickens and the calves and the barn and all the wonders of his new home. Meanwhile the visitor is having a talk with the foster-mother, explaining to her the child's characteristics and special needs. His clothing and schooling and all the details of his life are arranged for, so that when the visitor leaves, the foster-mother is well prepared for the responsibility she has undertaken.



THE ENVIRONMENT THAT MAKES FOR HAPPINESS AND  
STRENGTH OF MIND AND BODY.

And here I want to make a statement which cannot be too emphatic. The placing of a child in a family is but the beginning of the constant and ever-watchful supervision given by the Society to the children under its care. Our visitors make frequent calls, taking a meal or spending a night whenever possible, and keeping in close personal touch with their children by letters. The work requires infinite patience and tact. The visitor aims to stand as first friend to the child and as counsellor to the foster-mother in every crisis of the child's life.

## What the Children Think about It.

The following are extracts from letters written by the children to their visitors:

It makes me think that summer is not far away, because I see so many pretty birds flying around my house and the flowers are buding and the grass is so green I hope you will get my letter all right. I would like to hear from you soon. What do you think of Grace has two pillow covers that I made her and I sent her a book mark like the one I am sending you. Grace tell me that you think a great deal of me I am pleased to hear that and will try to remember you as long as I can live for you have done a great many things for me. Dear Mrs. S., I thank you ever so much for looking after me as much as you and Grace have. I don't know where I would have been only for you and Grace's help. I hope every little girl and boy will think as much for their home you give them as much I do.

### From another girl just placed:

I thought I would write you a few lines. I have a big doll I am going to make it dresses. She has dark hair. We have the biggest dog I ever saw. I am having nice pears. I wish you had some. We have a horse he is nice I had 8 miles to drive to get here. To-day I have been to church twice. . . . I am feeling real well and to-morrow begin to go to school.

### Another child writes:

I thought you would like to know how we were getting along. I have a cat of my own. He is black and white. I have lots of pretty plants Mrs. N. gave me. We have four dogs and they are pretty. We have lots of apples and grapes this year.

### Another:

I received the bundle you sent me yesterday and I was very much surprised when the expressman said, "Here is a bundle for Miss Brown." I cannot tell you how much pleased I was with the cloth. It was just what I wanted this summer, but I did not expect another new dress. I thank you very much for it. It was a very kind thing for you to do. We decided how we wanted it made and aunty has cut it now. . . . I am very much pleased to think I am coming to Boston . . . to stay there a few days. I think I will wear my new dress when I go to Boston. Aunty and I are reading, "The Little Sheperd of Kingdom Come," and we like it very much.

### Again from a boy:

I thank you for the letter you sent to us. Pearl read it to us and I looked on while she was reading it. I started a letter May 22 and did not finish it. The teacher said we were good boys in school. We have a



little pig Mr. V. got and he made a pig-pen for it. We have some chickens and 2 kittens. We leave of school in June 10-1904. I hope you can come and see us. I am getting along nicely out here. I drive the cows home from the pasture and we give the boxes to them. We have four calves in the pasture and a cow and colt. To-day there is a intertament in our church and I speak to pieces and there is going to be an inter-



A FINE SUBSTITUTE FOR A CITY STREET.

tamemend for the day school. I thank you for the stamps you sent us. We save our money that we get. I have seventeen cents and C. has thirteen cents.

### From a little girl:

I have been to school all last week except one day and that was Patriots. I like my school and my teacher very much. I have a lot of children to play with and they are very nice children, I think. I like my new home very much. I have been to Sunday School to-day for the first time since I have been here and I am going to try to go every Sunday. I like to go very much. I have been upon the hill this afternoon; it is very pretty up there and I found two Snow Drops all in blossom and some bluetts the hill is back of our house. When you are up on the hill you can see the ocean.



**The Hardest Problem  
to Solve.**

I am frequently assured by this or that friend who is also the father of a family that it takes every cent he has to keep his three children in school shoes. I ask such fathers to consider what it means to provide for a family of one hundred and eleven, and therefore to be patient as the Society comes before you again with an appeal for money. On one side we are confronted by the fact that the income from our invested funds is less than one quarter the amount needed to cover our expenses, and on the other by an unending procession of neglected, sickly little children, who yet have in them the making of good men and women if we can but reach their needs before it is too late. And until the millennium arrives when our invested income equals our outgo, we must come annually with our appeal for voluntary subscriptions and new members. There is no investment that pays such large interest as children, compound interest that increases with the years, and I wish I could impress the truth of this upon the hearts of all the generous men and women here this afternoon.

I have spoken of the little girl with Potts disease, for whom a happy future is now being assured, and I want to add that for several years she has been the especial charge of a Boys' Club in one of our adjoining towns which is contributing to her support and treatment. In all their lives, these boys will not find a happier or finer work to do.

It costs from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars to support a child for a year; and can you think of a nobler bequest than one that, as the years go on, is bringing first one child and then another into a wholesome, well-equipped, enlightened manhood?

SEYMOUR H. STONE,  
General Secretary.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1904.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children . . . . .	\$6,860	14
Income from invested funds . . . . .	3,601	58
Subscriptions and donations . . . . .	1,626	13
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	50	31
Refund State Bank Tax . . . . .	27	23
LEGACY: Chas. J. Simpson, Administrator under will of Joseph H. Center . . . . .	1,000	00
Investments paid . . . . .	450	00
Fair at Vendome . . . . .	3,284	63
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Quincy White Wales . . . . .	\$25	00
Samuel Lane Loomis . . . . .	25	00
		50 00
Refund on Insurance . . . . .	82	25
Sale of Dedham property known as Boys' Home . . . . .	11,500	00
Balance from old account . . . . .	690	58
	\$29,222	85

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$4,036	94
Travel, etc. . . . .	594	52
Board of children, and clothes . . . . .	10,485	01
Office expenses . . . . .	398	07
Postage and express . . . . .	225	66
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	117	50
Printing . . . . .	286	59
Dedham taxes for 1903 . . . . .	284	05
Insurance . . . . .	165	00
Expense to New York . . . . .	35	00
Investments . . . . .	10,101	55
Fuel . . . . .	67	40
Water tax . . . . .	10	00
Repairs . . . . .	255	37
Telephone . . . . .	119	48
Rent of safe deposit box . . . . .	10	00
Balance carried forward to new account . . . . .	2,030	71
	\$29,222	85

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Nov. 4, 1904.

Have examined the above and find correct, with proper vouchers.

(Signed) C. C. CONVERSE,

Auditor.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861 . . . . .	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," Jan. 8, 1879 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," "to be added to the permanent fund of the Society, of which only the interest shall be used for the support of the Society," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," Aug. 31, 1889 . . . . .	500 00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00
Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the chil- dren, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturte- vant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Me- morial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Bil- lings Fund," the income only to be used . . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$85,040 92

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of —— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the



first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

# SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1904.

## CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND CLUBS.

Boys' Club, Quincy . . . . .	\$60 00
Congregational Sunday School, Dedham . . . . .	4 39
Congregational Sunday School, Reading . . . . .	13 00
Congregational Sunday School, Wakefield . . . . .	10 00
First Congregational Sunday School, Dedham . . . . .	7 62
Harvard Church Sunday School, Brookline . . . . .	36 25
Harvard Church Sunday School (Intermediate Department) . . . . .	11 13
Harvard Table . . . . .	15 15
Old South Congregational Church (Annual) . . . . .	217 09
South Evangelical Church, West Roxbury (Primary Dept.) . . . . .	2 00
Young Ladies' Benevolent Society, Harvard Church, Brookline . . . . .	25 00

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## INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

A. B. C. . . . .	\$10 00	Blake, John A. L. . . . .	\$20 00
A. B. S. . . . .	25 00	Bliss, L. C. . . . .	10 00
Adams, A. J. . . . .	100 00	Blodgett, Mrs. Caleb . . . . .	2 00
Adams, Mrs. W. B. . . . .	2 00	Boardman, Thomas . . . . .	1 00
Albree, Mrs. John . . . . .	4 00	Boston Gear Works . . . . .	2 00
Alford, Miss Martha . . . . .	5 00	Bronson, Mrs. Dillon . . . . .	2 00
Alford, Mrs. O. H. . . . .	10 00	Brown, Charles F. . . . .	5 00
Allen, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Brown, Charles H. C. . . . .	5 00
Allen, Miss Josephine . . . . .	3 00	Brown, Durrell & Co. . . . .	5 00
Anonymous . . . . .	10 00	Brown, Samuel W. . . . .	100 00
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Atwood, Mrs. R. K. . . . .	2 00	Bumstead, Mrs. Horace . . . . .	1 00
Baldwin, William H. . . . .	2 00	Bunker, Alfred . . . . .	1 00
Barbour, Edmand D. . . . .	10 00	Burgess, Miss M. C. . . . .	2 00
Barry, John L. . . . .	10 00	Burnett, Josephine . . . . .	5 00
Beal, Miss Edith . . . . .	2 00	Burnham, C. M. . . . .	5 00
Beals, Joshua G. . . . .	10 00	Butler, Mrs. Alden W. . . . .	1 00
Beals, Mrs. William . . . . .	2 00	Butler, Mrs. C. S. . . . .	2 00
Benedict, Mrs. William G. . . . .	2 00	Butler, Isabel J. . . . .	2 00
Bigelow, Mrs. H. F. . . . .	10 00	Capen, Samuel B. . . . .	3 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Prescott . . . . .	10 00	Capen, Mrs. William H. . . . .	2 00
Bingham, Mrs. G. P. . . . .	2 00	Carr, Mrs. John . . . . .	2 00

Carter's Ink Co. . . . .	\$10 00	Hall, Mrs. C. A. . . . .	\$10 00
Cash . . . . .	10 00	Hall, Mrs. H. S. . . . .	25 00
Chase & Sanborn . . . . .	10 00	Hardy, Mrs. Edward E. . . . .	5 00
Chick, I. W. . . . .	20 00	Hauthaway, Mrs. Edwin D. . . . .	2 00
Chick, Mrs. I. W. . . . .	30 00	Hecht, Mrs. Jacob H. . . . .	5 00
Clapp, Mrs. Elmer E. . . . .	2 00	"H. E. W." . . . . .	10 00
Coffin, Mrs. C. C. . . . .	1 00	Hewins, Mrs. Alfred . . . . .	1 00
Conant, Mrs. William M. . . . .	2 00	Hill, Mrs. Hamilton A. . . . .	5 00
Converse, Costello C. . . . .	100 00	Hooper, Mrs. James R. . . . .	5 00
Converse, Mrs. J. H. . . . .	2 00	Houghton, Clement S. . . . .	10 00
Crowninshield, F. B. . . . .	5 00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G. . . . .	15 00
Currier, Mrs. A. F. . . . .	85	Howe, Elmer P. . . . .	20 00
		Howe, Mrs. J. S. . . . .	5 00
Davenport, Miss Susan W. . . . .	1 00	Hunneman, Mrs. S. William . . . . .	2 00
Davidson, H. E. . . . .	20 00	Hyde, Mrs. Henry D. . . . .	2 00
Daly, Mrs. Moses H. . . . .	2 00	Hyde, Miss Louvan W. . . . .	1 00
Dickman, Miss . . . . .	10 00		
Dill, Mrs. C. H. . . . .	2 00	Jones, Mrs. Frederick H. . . . .	5 00
		"J. F. T." . . . . .	75 00
Eaton, Edward B. . . . .	25 00		
Emerson, D. R. & Co. . . . .	6 00	Kelley, Stillman F. . . . .	10 00
Endicott, Cardin W. . . . .	2 00	Kendall, Mrs. Charles S. . . . .	2 00
"E. S. C." . . . . .	25 00	Kidder, Mrs. A. M. . . . .	50 00
Estabrook, A. F. . . . .	10 00	Kimball, Mrs. David P. . . . .	20 00
		Knapp, Miss Katharine . . . . .	2 00
Farmer, L. G. . . . .	1 00	Krebs, Mrs. F. H. . . . .	2 00
Fay, Sarah M. . . . .	10 00	"K. R. W." . . . . .	5 00
Field, Mrs. J. W. . . . .	3 00		
Fish, Mrs. F. P. . . . .	15 00	Lane, Mrs. Charles B. . . . .	2 00
Fiske, Mrs. J. N. . . . .	5 00	Lane, Florence G. . . . .	25 00
Foote, Arthur . . . . .	2 00	Larnard, Miss L. M. . . . .	2 00
Forbes Lithograph Manu- facturing Co. . . . .	2 00	Leavitt, H. P. . . . .	5 00
Friend . . . . .	1 00	Lee, Joseph . . . . .	25 00
Frost, Mrs. Henry . . . . .	2 00	"L. C." . . . . .	5 00
		Lincoln, William H. . . . .	5 00
Garritt, Mrs. William B. . . . .	2 00	Loomis, Rev. Samuel L. . . . .	25 00
Gay, Mrs. Albert . . . . .	2 00	Loring, Mrs. William Caleb . . . . .	15 00
Ginn & Co. . . . .	5 00	Lovett, Mrs. Augusta . . . . .	2 00
Glidden, Mrs. J. A. . . . .	2 00		
Glover, Mrs. H. R. . . . .	5 00	Macomber, Miss S. E. . . . .	2 00
Goldthwait, Mrs. Joel . . . . .	1 00	Manning, Mrs. F. C. . . . .	5 00
Grandin, Mrs. T. Livingston . . . . .	10 00	Mass. Char. Fire Society . . . . .	50 00
Gray, Mrs. Helen B. . . . .	5 00	Means, Miss M. B. . . . .	2 00
Green, Mrs. George H. . . . .	2 00	Meredith, Mary E. . . . .	2 00
Grew, Henry S. . . . .	10 00	Merrill, Mrs. Luther M. . . . .	2 00
		Morss, Mrs. C. A. . . . .	10 00

Nichols, Mrs. E. H. . . . .	\$2 00	Thayer, Mrs. Ezra R. . . . .	\$5 00
Nichols, Lyman . . . . .	25 00	Torrey, Mrs. Elbridge G. . .	10 00
Nutter, Mrs. Charles P. . . .	2 00	Townsend, J. B. . . . .	5 00
Olmstead, James M. . . . .	2 00	Trueblood, Benjamin S. . . .	2 00
"Out of Town" . . . . .	1 00	Turner, Justina . . . . .	7 00
Pearce, Miss H. J. . . . .	2 00	Turner, Mrs. W. H. . . . .	5 00
Pearce, Mrs. John . . . . .	5 00	"Two Brothers" . . . . .	60 00
Pease, Mrs. E. G. S. . . . .	4 00	Unknown friends . . . . .	15 00
Perrin, Mrs. Philenia W. . . .	2 00	Van Wagenen, Mrs. Albert . .	2 00
Potter, Mrs. Warren B. . . . .	10 00	Wales, Quincy White . . . . .	25 00
Quincy, Mrs. M. C. S. . . . .	25 00	Wales, W. Q. . . . .	5 00
Rand, Mrs. H. C. . . . .	2 00	Walworth, Mrs. A. C. . . . .	10 00
Read, Miss Sarah E. . . . .	25 00	Warner, H. E. . . . .	5 00
Reynolds, Miss E. D. . . . .	2 00	Warren, Mrs. Rebecca . . . .	5 00
Richards, Mrs. Henry C. . . . .	2 00	Weeks, Mrs. Andrew G. . . . .	10 00
Rodman, S. W. . . . .	20 00	Whitcomb, Mary S. . . . .	3 05
"Salem" . . . . .	5 00	White, Mrs. James . . . . .	4 50
Sharp, Miss Elizabeth B. . . . .	2 00	White, Mrs. Joseph H. . . . .	2 00
Shumway, Ellen M. . . . .	10 00	White, Miss Lizzie B. . . . .	2 50
Skinner, Francis . . . . .	25 00	White, Miss Susie E. . . . .	2 00
Stanwood, Mrs. A. G. . . . .	2 00	Whiting, Mrs. T. O. . . . .	2 00
Stearns, Mrs. R. H. . . . .	5 00	Whitman, Mrs. M. C. . . . .	5 00
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## OBJECT AND METHOD.

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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls, homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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THE seventy-second anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society shows much that is gratifying to the officers and directors. One hundred and three children are now under the care of the Society, and twenty-eight are in free homes.

We have found many new friends during the year, and some most dear to the Society have passed away. We refer particularly to Mrs. S. T. Snow, always a ready worker, whose husband was Treasurer of the Society for many years ; to Mrs. William Wales, who endeared herself to us all by her long and faithful service, and who inspired her children and grandchildren with her same devotion to the work ; and to Mrs. Mary D. Converse, who was always a cheerful contributor to the Society, and one of those most thoughtful for its needs.

The children were kindly remembered with Christmas gifts, and we feel if friends could see some of the touching acknowledgments which come to the directors for these unexpected blessings in their lives, many more would be active workers in their behalf.

So many appeals have been made to us for help that the directors were obliged to raise a large sum of money to meet the expenses. This was accomplished by voluntary contributions, instead of the annual sale held at The Vendome, three friends donating five hundred dollars each to this fund.

We wish to extend our grateful thanks to all who,



during the year, have given us aid in any way to befriend these children.

The work of this Society is increasing so steadily that we feel obliged to make a stronger appeal than ever to the public, and we ask you to become a life member, or an annual subscriber, that our funds may be sufficient to help along the good work, and that we may be obliged to refuse no deserving cases which come to our door.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



TWO OF OUR CHILDREN AT PLAY NEAR THEIR HOME.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Last summer we were asked to befriend a little five-year-old colored boy, who was thought to be living with a woman who kept a disreputable house. Our investigation showed it to be a case of terrible neglect. The child's mother was dead, his father was immoral, and his stepmother was in prison for grand larceny. The



THREE OF OUR CHILDREN FINDING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
IN THESE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS.

little fellow was known under three different names, and was being kept by the proprietor of this house of ill repute. After a long search of the public records, we discovered the child's right name, found that the man alleged to be his father was no relation to him, and that the disreputable woman he was living with had no claim upon him. The boy was, of course, removed at once, and

was taken in charge by the State Board of Charities, while the disreputable house was closed by the police.



**Consultation Department.** This case is an illustration of the work of what we call our Consultation Department, a department of paramount importance, which is frequently overlooked by those who take an interest in the Children's Friend Society. We had put into the investigation of this little boy's neglect a vast amount of time and labor, and were rewarded by knowing that we had helped to right a great wrong. Yet, since he was found to be an entirely destitute child, it was thought best to turn him over to public charity, and our Placing-out Department — the obvious, well-known side of our work — never came in contact with the child at all. Our Consultation Department receives every application for help which comes to this Society, and makes a thorough study of every problem thus presented. This means hearing the applicant's story in all its detail, searchingly investigating its truth by consulting relatives, friends, neighbors, employers, visiting the applicant's home — in short, making, like a physician, a careful diagnosis, in order that just the right remedy may be applied; for in only 10 to 15 per cent of all the cases appealing to us for aid do we find the right remedy to consist in our taking the children. This last year we were asked to aid or advise in the care of 352 children, and of these, only 34 were referred to our Placing-out Department. What I wish to emphasize is this: while we assumed direct charge of only 34 new children, we did not consider our work accomplished until we had solved to the best of our ability the problems of the other 318. The work of a Children's Friend Society is far more than the providing of food and clothing and shelter for the needy and destitute, important as this all is. To be the children's

friend is to discover the conditions which cause the need and destitution, and, if possible, to eradicate them. This is the function of our Consultation Department.

We had a call not long ago from a clergyman who wished advice about a boy in his Sunday school who was stealing, forging letters in which he begged money, and frequenting disorderly houses. Here was a case asking, not material assistance, but the benefit of our



A FARM WHERE WE HAVE A FAMILY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

larger experience in dealing with wayward children. The boy had already had a chance on a farm and in a mercantile establishment, but lost both places through dishonesty. We are now trying to place him in a private correctional institution.

A mother who had been deserted by her husband came to us with her two children for aid. We found that they could remain for a time with her parents, and we at once took steps to find the husband and have him arrested for non-support. After a long search we finally located him in another State. We had several

consultations with the judge of the city court and with the district attorney, and were told that the husband could not, upon the evidence obtainable, be brought back to this State on the charge of non-support. A suit for separate maintenance has now been instituted, and we hope eventually to place the burden of the support of these children where it belongs, on the shoulders of the deserting father.

In many cases of destitution we are able to awaken interest among relatives, and to prevail upon them to unite in relieving the family. The instances are too numerous to mention where we have found the whole solution of the family problem within the family itself.

A frequent type of case is that of the parent who is utterly discouraged in trying to train an active, difficult child, and who appeals to us to take the child and shoulder the responsibility. Instead of complying, we

try to  
make him  
see the  
obligations that  
are laid  
upon him  
as a parent, and  
to advise  
him in  
the matter  
of management



A COUNTRY HOME WHERE WE HAVE PLACED FOUR CHILDREN.

and discipline. The duty of this Society in thus fostering parental responsibility is a matter upon which I cannot lay too much emphasis.

We are at present interested in a nine-year-old girl, living in an adjoining city, whose father and stepmother



wish to turn her over to some society because she persists in staying out late at night. We suspect that the child is not being wisely managed at home, and that her wrong-doings are exaggerated in order that the parents may be relieved of the care of bringing her up. In consultation with the local Associated Charities and with the girl's school-teacher,



we have arranged to have a good woman put in touch with the family, who will visit in a friendly way, become intimately acquainted with the situation, and report to us what seem to be the real difficulties.



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No two problems which we have to meet are alike, no hard-and-fast rules can be devised to fit all emergencies, for the elements of the family situation are presented in ever-varying combinations. But our



aim in every case is, if possible, to preserve the family intact, to insure their self-respect by putting them in a



position to care for their own children and to solve their own difficulties. This is attained not by one or two interviews, but by keeping in constant touch until things are running smoothly.

We are guided by this same principle of self-help in every instance where we decide to take a child into our care through our Placing-out Department. A thorough study of the financial condition of the family is made to see what portion of the expense of the child may be borne by the parents or relatives. And they are required to pay all that they justly and properly can.



**Placing-out  
Department.**

We have to-day, placed out in families, 103 children. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is being paid for 75 of these, 17 are earning their board, 5 are earning their board and clothes, and 6 are earning wages. Parents and relatives pay us the entire cost of the board and clothing of 35 children. Part expense of board and clothing is paid by parents and relatives for 39, the Society paying the balance, and the Society also pays the entire expense of 18 children. All of the 103 children are being very closely supervised by our agents, and, with one or two exceptions, the expense of this supervision, which consists of railroad-fares in placing children in families, visiting them, taking them to doctors and dentists and to be fitted to clothing, is borne by the Society. 446 visits have been made to children in their homes. This does not include the placing of children, nor their transfers from one home to another.



**Medical Work.** The medical work for our children is growing every year in interest and importance. Nearly all the children brought to our attention are either physically stunted from lack of proper food and care, or are suffering from adenoids, tuber-



BETTER THAN "HOOKING BEHIND" IN THE CITY.

culosis, curvatures, or defective eyes or teeth. 380 visits to hospitals, dispensaries, physicians, and dentists have been made during the year with our children. For several of our children we have had special diets prescribed. Our little girl with Pott's disease, to whom we have been giving special hospital treatment for two and one-half years, is almost entirely cured. Another child is being treated for rickets, several are wearing specially made shoes, and eleven children have been operated upon for adenoids.

The physicians are becoming more and more indispensable in this work, and during the last year they have been most generous in giving of their advice and time, and have taken a great interest in our children. And not only children, but many times sickly fathers and mothers, whom we were trying to restore physically in order that they might take their children again, have been benefited by our physicians at little or no expense.



#### Letters from Children.

Are our children happy and are they developing as we would wish? If any of you are in doubt, here are a few letters from the children themselves, written to their visitors.

From a seven-year-old boy :

*Dear Miss B.:* Miss H. says I am a very good boy, and she hopes I can stay with her. I am trying hard to be good. I love Miss H. and Miss H. loves me.

Your little friend

L. H.

From a little girl :

*My dear Mrs. S.:* I will write you a few lines, as you said you would like to have me. It has been very hot in W. to-day, I wore my white dress to-day as it was so hot. I have got to sing up to the town hall Tuesday, and I have got to sing again children's Sunday.

Dear Mrs. S. I am trying harder ever day to be a good girl. I hope you will enjoy your vacation. Mrs. G. got a letter from Mrs. D. I cannot think of anything else. are you going to have my shoulder fixt.

From

E. S.

lots of love.

This twelve-year-old child who writes the following

seems to feel satisfied with her intellectual development:

*Dear Miss B.:* I am sorry I did not write you before. I would keep thinking of it and never do it. I just happen to think of it. I am getting along all right in school. I am getting better in geography and my other studies. I would rather stay at school.

We had a spelling review and I had one hundred on the twenty words and done twenty words before and got one hundred again. To-day most of the children got zero and I did n't I got fair and good many children did n't get that. I am trying to come up in geography and arithmetic and a few of my other studies. I hope you are all right and have not got any cold. Every body seems to have a cold. I have got a little cold it seems.

Are class has got up to Canada and Newfoundland I can read better than I used to. I would kind of hesitate but I can read so that when teacher can give me excelllent. The sewing teacher was there to-day and I had a dish towel to bast and hem.

It is lovely skateing out on the bay. There are ice boats out on the bay now. I am getting along pretty well in my music-lessons. I have a lovely teacher. Mr. S. is better and went to work the other day. Aunty wasn't very well but is better. I hope I will get better every day in my studies.

Your Friend

E. H.

This from one of our boys:

Another Monday night has come for me to write to you. I have earned ten cents since last Monday. But I think Ill keep a few cents by me I havent got much to say as nothing has happened lately. Everybody is well Mrs. G. is getting well she had the gripe. We haven't been coastering much to-day I had a tooth pulled sunday one of my friends did it I generally pull my own Charles and I shelled eighteen quarts of corn by hand. It is my bed time now I must close now from E. P.

sincerely yours,

E. P. P.

Write to me soon.

I wish you might have gone with me this summer to see what has been done for two small boys who had been deserted by their immoral mother and badly neglected by their father. He came to see us one morning to ask the Society to take the children, and in my subsequent investigation I visited his tenement. It was almost bare of furniture and the linen was filthy, and there had been no food in the house for several days. The neighbors had befriended the boys and fed them while the parents were off on a debauch. The matter



was brought into court, and the judge, besides giving us charge of the children, required the father, who earned good wages, to pay for their care. Arrangement was made with the father's employer to hold enough of his wages to support the children. Had this Society not taken charge they would have been committed to the State as neglected and the father would have gone scot free. These little boys are now placed on a splendid farm in a beautiful part of the State. Each has a garden of his own; they help feed the chickens and hunt eggs and have a part in all the little farm chores. When I visited them this summer the brown, bare-footed little fellows trotted around with me all over the farm, showing me, with the pride of ownership, the corn-field, the raspberry-

patch, and the apple orchard. The last I saw of them they were turning somersaults in the new-mown hay.



WHAT WE HAVE SUBSTITUTED FOR A DISREPUTABLE CITY ENVIRONMENT.

This fall they have

had their first introduction to school. To see children pale, poorly clad, badly nourished in unwholesome, unventilated surroundings, and then to see the transformation which occurs on the good country farm where there are fresh air and sunlight and plenty of wholesome food,—to see all this repeated year after year,—is to know how great and lasting are the results that are being realized.

**Funds.** But to realize these results, to transform these children's lives, we need your generous help. The Society must raise about \$6,000 a year above the income from invested funds. A large part of this \$6,000 is applied to the board, clothes, and medical attendance of the children. The rest is used for travel in placing and visiting children and for office expenses, the salaries being about met by the income from invested funds. It is always a struggle to collect this \$6,000, and we wish we could bring home to the hearts of all who are interested in children, and able to help them, the opportunities that are theirs.

Luther Burbank, the great botanist, has said :

"As time goes on in its endless course, environment will crystallize the American nation. Its varying elements will become unified, and the weeding-out process will probably leave the finest human product ever known. The color, the perfume, the size and form, that are placed in the plants will have their analogies in the composite, the American of the future. And now what will hasten this development most of all? The proper rearing of children. . . . Let their souls drink in all that is pure and sweet. Rear them if possible amid pleasant surroundings. If they come into the world with souls groping in darkness, let them see the light. . . . Let nature teach them the lessons of good and proper living. Those children will grow to be the best of men and women. Put the best in them in contact with the best outside. They will absorb it as a plant does the sunshine and the dew."

It is in doing this—in trying to put the best that is in these children of ours in contact with the best outside—that we ask your help.

SEYMOUR H. STONE,  
General Secretary.



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1905.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children . . . . .	\$6,492 30
Income from invested funds . . . . .	3,969 24
Donations . . . . .	5,925 89
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	61 38

## LEGACIES.

Harry E. Converse, Arthur H. Wellman, Executors under the will of Mary D. Converse . . . . .	\$ 500 00
To be added to the Permanent Fund as the "Marie Auberson" Fund, through Elizabeth F. Glover, Trustee . . . . .	500 00
Joseph E. Stevens, Arthur W. Stevens, Executors un- der the will of Joseph C. Stevens . . . . .	1,000 00
Elizabeth L. Tappan, Executor under the will of Mary E. Meridith . . . . .	50 00
	<hr/> \$2,050 00
Investments paid . . . . .	5,950 00
Balance from old account . . . . .	2,030 71

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\$26,479 52

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$4,153 34
Travel, etc. . . . .	558 07
Board of children, and clothes . . . . .	9,604 63
Office expenses . . . . .	522 30
Postage and express . . . . .	334 35
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	156 80
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	183 11
Printing . . . . .	330 10
Fuel . . . . .	124 75
Telephone . . . . .	125 56
Insurance . . . . .	54 00
Water tax . . . . .	10 00
Rent of safe deposit box . . . . .	10 00
Advertising . . . . .	47 40
Investments . . . . .	6,452 50
Balance carried forward to new account . . . . .	3,812 61

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\$26,479 52

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Oct. 31, 1905.

Have examined the foregoing cash account, and find the same cor-  
rect, and properly vouched.

(Signed) COSTELLO C. CONVERSE,  
J. CONVERSE GRAY,  
Auditors.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," Jan. 8, 1879 . . .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," April 25, 1884 .	5,000 00
Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," "to be added to the permanent fund of the Society, of which only the interest shall be used for the support of the Society," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," Aug. 31, 1889 . . .	500 00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00
Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the chil- dren, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturte- vant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Me- morial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Bil- lings Fund," the income only to be used . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Marie Auberson, to be called the "Marie Auber- son Fund" . . . . .	500 00
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	\$85,540 92

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of —— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the

first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.



## SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1905.

### CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND CLUBS.

Congregational Sunday School, Dedham . . . . .	\$ 7 52
Happy Six, The . . . . .	33 00
Harvard Church Sunday School, Brookline . . . . .	22 25
Larchmont Athletic Association . . . . .	20 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society . . . . .	25 00
Old South Congregational Church . . . . .	377 12
School for Social Workers, for services of General Secretary . .	10 00
Two Sunday-school Classes, Harvard Church, life membership for Rev. O. D. Sewall . . . . .	25 00

\$519 89

### INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

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Adams, Mrs. Walter B. . . . .	27 00	Beals, Mrs. William . . . . .	4 00
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## OBJECT AND METHOD.

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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls, homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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THE last year has been one of the busiest in the history of the Society. More applications for assistance and advice have come to us than ever before, and we have taken into our care twenty more children than last year, the total number aided being one hundred and sixty-two during the year.

We have added another worker to the office force, making a total of five.

There has been but little illness among the children, and to-day many of the neglected little ones can be found with bright and smiling faces in happy homes. Unless one has been an observer, or listened to the reports of our agents, the actual good work we are doing cannot be appreciated.

To the friends who have donated money and clothing during the year we are most grateful, and also for the Christmas gifts which gladdened the hearts of so many.

The generosity of the physicians cannot be too warmly praised, and we would thank all who have in any way helped us. In order to keep up with the demands on the Society, it is necessary to secure more funds.

We should like to increase not only the donations, but the number of donors. Any one who is at all interested in work for children, whether desirous of contributing or not, will always be welcome at the office of the Society, 48 Rutland Street, where the General



Secretary is glad to explain the methods of work ; and if any one wishes to contribute towards the support of a particular child, suitable arrangements will be made.

At the office can also be seen many photographs of our children and the homes in which they are placed. We hope many will avail themselves of this opportunity.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



ONE OF OUR LITTLE GIRLS IS IN THIS GROUP.

# STATISTICS FOR 1906.

## CONSULTATION DEPARTMENT.

Number of applications to Society for aid or advice during year . . . . .	440
Number of cases in which applicants were given advice . . . . .	111
*Number of cases in which applicants were referred to other societies . . . . .	182
Number of cases referred to our Placing-Out Department . . . . .	52
Number of cases in which applications were withdrawn . . . . .	88
Number of cases in which applications are still under consideration . . . . .	7

## PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1905 . . . . .	103
Number in families for whom board was being paid . . . . .	83
Number in families earning their own board . . . . .	12
Number in families earning wages . . . . .	8
Number of children taken in charge by the Society and placed in families during the year . . . . .	59
Total number cared for during the year . . . . .	162
Number of children discharged from care of Society during year . . . . .	41
Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1906 . . . . .	121
Number in families for whom board is being paid . . . . .	80
Number in families earning their own board . . . . .	35
Number in families earning wages . . . . .	6
Number of visits made by agents to children in families or by children to the office . . . . .	614
Number of visits made by children to physicians, hospitals, and dentists . . . . .	313
Number of applications received from families who wish to take children into their homes . . . . .	145
Number who would take children to board . . . . .	88
Number who would take children free . . . . .	33
Number who would pay wages to a boy or girl . . . . .	24

\* These children were referred to agencies especially equipped to handle the particular problem presented, such as the Associated Charities, Day Nurseries, hospitals, and special schools; or, in case they had been already aided by some other society, they were referred back to that society.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Two years ago, the report of the General Secretary described with especial detail that side of our work which deals with the placing of children in families.

The report of last year showed how wide and how varied is our work among children who apply to us for help, but whose problems are solved in some other way than by their entering our care.



### Parental

### Responsibility.

I wish this year to emphasize a most important factor in our dealings with needy children, a factor of which we never lose sight; namely, parental responsibility. It is an easy matter for us to place a child in a good home,

as we always have a list of excellent families waiting for children; it is a much more difficult question to decide in each case how far the parent should be relieved of the burden of the child, for whose being he is responsible.

We recently received an application in behalf of an eleven-year-old boy. We were told that his mother was dead and



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IN OUR CARE.

that his father, who had married again, had refused to take him into his home or to pay for his board with relatives in another State, who had had charge of the child. The relatives finally tired of the arrangement and sent the boy to Boston, where, unwelcomed by his father, he was thrown upon the mercy of the charitably disposed. Our investigation showed that the father had a good position where he was earning about \$25 a



ONE OF OUR COUNTRY HOMES.

week. A visit to his home disclosed the further astonishing fact that his wife did not know of the boy's existence. She proved, however, to be an amiable and conscientious woman, and after consultation with us and a talk with her husband she agreed to take the boy into their home. He has been seen several times since his return, and is most happy and well cared for. Now, it will readily be seen that in thus re-establishing a natural relation, in insisting that that father should

measure up to his duties, this Society accomplished a much finer and more enduring piece of work than if it had taken charge of and supported that boy until his maturity.

We have lately been interested in a family consisting of father, mother, and eight children. The mother was dissipated and was in the habit of leaving her children in neglect while she went on drunken sprees. The father, a hard-working man, held a position which enabled him to give them a good home. Friends tried in vain to keep the mother steady, until finally the father, in utter discouragement, had her arrested and she was



THESE CHILDREN WERE SADLY NEGLECTED  
BY THEIR MOTHER.

sent to jail for three months. We took charge of four of the children and placed them in a family, the father paying us for their board, and another society took the other four.

Our agent visited the mother in jail, and before the three months were up the woman's release was secured on her promising she would

move from her old neighborhood and begin life anew on a better basis. The children, however, were not returned to the parents for a number of weeks after the mother's release, in order that she might prove the sincerity of her promise and also that she might be free to work and earn money to help fit out their new home.

Finally, when the home was re-established, and when it seemed to us that the mother had shown a genuine desire to keep straight, the family was reunited, and so



far, after two months, all is going smoothly and happily with them.

When the children came to us they were dirty, poorly clothed, and ill mannered. The months which they spent in one of our best country families fairly recreated them, and their mother was greatly impressed, upon their return, with the change that had been



THREE OF OUR LITTLE FARMERS

wrought. She saw what possibilities there were in her own children if she would only do her part, and we have reason to hope that we have permanently roused in her those latent instincts of interest and responsibility upon which rests the whole structure of family life.

Every year, we who are doing philanthropic work realize more fully the grave responsibility which a society assumes when it removes children, for whatever reason, from their natural guardian—a responsibility not only for the child, but also for the parents, who if



unwisely relieved of their natural burdens may drift into ways of idleness, shiftlessness, and extravagance, spending their money on themselves while the charitable public is maintaining their children.

The policy pursued by this Society is to insist that parents shall contribute toward the support of their children in our care every cent that they can afford, after always deducting enough for their own decent self-support, the amount to be determined after a careful examination by us of the family income and expenses. This assures the generous contributors to our work that every dollar which they give will be spent to help some absolutely needy child who has no father or mother to depend upon; and, I assure you, there are plenty of such.

During the last year we have collected from parents and relatives \$6,910.76, a sum greater than its face value when measured in terms of self-respect preserved to those parents.



**Consultation  
Department.** The Consultation Department is that branch of our work which receives and investigates every application to us for aid. Of the 440 children applying to us this year for help or advice, 250 came from Boston, 168 from 39 different Massachusetts cities and towns, and 22 from 6 different States.

It will thus be seen that our work is not exclusively confined to the city of Boston, but that we are ready to do what we can for any needy child within a reasonable distance. A comparison of the figures presented on another page of this report with the figures of 1905 will show that there has been an increase in applications of eighty-eight over last year.

In connection with the work of our Consultation

Department, we appreciate more fully all the time the great help afforded by a central bureau in Boston, where a large number of efficient and active charitable societies send enough information about every case that comes to their attention to identify that case in the future, this information, of course, to be held as strictly confidential among the societies. Whenever an application for help is made to us, we communicate immediately by telephone with the central bureau, in order to ascertain whether the applicant is being or has been aided by any other agency. By this means is prevented all working at cross-purposes, all duplication of effort. No physician wishes to administer an independent course of treatment to a patient who is already taking some other doctor's medicine. In the same way, the Children's Friend Society does not wish, through ignorance, to vitiate in any way the helpful work undertaken by other societies, but desires to co-operate heartily for the best solution of the problems before us. For this purpose, the value of the central bureau cannot be overestimated. We have recently had a case in point.

A woman came to us a few weeks ago, with the request that we take her two children. Upon inquiry at the central bureau, we learned that she was a veritable rounder, and had appealed in turn to seven different charitable organizations, several of which had aided her. We communicated with these societies over the telephone, and gathered from them enough information to enable us to determine almost immediately the best plan for the welfare of the children, at a saving of time, money, and confusion to all concerned.

We are daily impressed anew with the ability and willingness of relatives and friends to help children whom we had at first thought quite destitute and friendless. Again and again we have been appealed to by fathers and mothers who, though in desperate

straits, were too proud to ask assistance of their well-to-do-relatives; and again and again we have been a happy go-between, helping parents and children in this natural way without disrupting the family. Often, relatives show that they would have been much offended had they not been consulted and given a chance to help.

The charitable resources, the responsiveness of a community, are really not known until some child



HAVE WE NOT GIVEN THEM HEALTHY AND HAPPY SURROUNDINGS?

needs a friend. We were recently asked to take a little nine-year-old girl who had been left in a hospital with no one apparently to claim her. She had been operated upon several times for dislocated hip, but without success. The General Secretary went to see the little girl, and, overcoming her bashfulness and reserve, learned from her the whereabouts of her father, and that she still had other relatives in the northern part of Massachusetts. We visited that section and discovered

an older sister, who was living out at service. The child's mother and a stepmother were dead, and her father was incapable of properly supporting his children, of whom there were several. We decided that it was not desirable for her to return to him, and arranged to place her in a family, the older sister agreeing to pay a part of her board every week, and the church where the child had attended Sunday school also promising a small regular amount. Furthermore, the employer of the sister became so much interested in the matter that he contributed \$20 towards the little girl's expenses. Thus we were able to transform a friendless child into one in whom there are many interested. To-day, she is very happy in an excellent family that would not part with her for a great deal, and her sister keeps in constant touch with her.



**Placing-Out Department.** Our Placing-Out Department has had an unusually busy year. We have placed fifty-nine children in families, twenty-five more than last year. The wonderful development of many of our children under the influence, for the first time, of a wise and kindly home life is an ever-present satisfaction to us. We are often asked, Do the families really care for the children? In answer is the following letter, just received from a family who had had a little Armenian boy from us. We were obliged to transfer him from this home in another State, because the local school board demanded a tuition fee for him. He was one of the brightest and most popular boys in the school, and the townspeople were very indignant at the attitude of the school board. Here is the letter:

*Dear Mrs. S.:* I am sending you Hagop's clothes. It was hard work for me to get round and get them put up, it made me feel so badly. He was here so long that he seemed just like one of my own. I do hope that

the dear little fellow has a good place where he will be contented and happy. We all miss him very much. I hope he will write to me soon. He must write to the minister in Lawrence and let him know where he is, for he will want to go and see him and find out what kind of a place he has. We all send our love to him. Yours very truly

This taking of a child to board is no mere perfunctory business arrangement, but the establishment of a very human relation, of which, I fear, our annual reports and tables of statistics can give no adequate idea. Several times, when we were on the point of transferring a child because it was old enough to go into a home where it could earn its own board, the foster-parents have come to us, saying they could not bear to part with the child, and asking that they might keep it on any terms, even at personal expense and self-sacrifice. Many touching incidents occur when our children are sick.

Not long ago, one little girl was so ill that it was necessary for some one to be with her night and day. The family where we had placed her begged that we would not get a nurse, but would allow them to care for her themselves; and they did so most devotedly, husband and wife dividing the night nursing between them. Surely, self-sacrificing interest and care such as this can never be measured in dollars and cents.

Before discharging a child from our care we always make sure that the home into which it is going is a proper one. Even in the case of children returned to their parents, we keep in close touch by visits until we are satisfied that they are in safe hands. In no other way can we study the results of our care and be assured that the effort and money expended have been spent to good purpose.

The medical treatment of our wards continues to be one of the most important parts of our work. As usual, most of the children that have come to us during the



year have been physically handicapped — perhaps by some never-remedied deformity; perhaps merely by neglected teeth or lack of proper food. Our first endeavor is always to ascertain a child's physical condition, and to see that it is restored to normal health in the shortest possible time.

There is already a well-worn path leading to the Tufts Dental College made by the little feet of the



BROTHERS AND SISTERS PLACED TOGETHER IN A FAMILY.

Children's Friend Society wards. It is no light undertaking, this keeping of one hundred and twenty-one children in proper bodily health, and only a never-ceasing, intelligent oversight, a constant realization that the actual placing of a child in a family is but the beginning of our work, can accomplish the results for which we strive; namely, to develop our children so that they may compete with others on equal terms at school and at play.

We are frequently asked: "How do your children turn out in after-life?" "Does it all pay?" "Are you justified for this painstaking care by the results?" Of



course it is a delight to be able to prove success, and yet are we not often too anxious for results, too eager to be assured that we shall receive back the worth of our effort and of our money before we give? How these children of ours will turn out in after-life depends upon many things beyond our knowledge; but of this I am sure: our earnest effort, with your help, to give them, during their childhood, health of body and a sane and happy home life must and will exert its due influence throughout their lives. And is n't it the least that we can do?

SEYMOUR H. STONE,  
General Secretary.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 29, 1906.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children, and clothing . . . . .	\$6,910 76
Income from invested funds . . . . .	4,385 25
Donations . . . . .	4,102 03
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	56 20
Rebate bank tax . . . . .	54 62
Investments paid . . . . .	13,125 81

## LEGACIES.

In behalf of Mrs. Harriet W. Lane, Mrs. Frances W. Plimpton, to be added to the Permanent Fund, only the income to be used, to be known as the "Sarah Augusta Winslow" Fund . . . . .	\$ 500 00
To be added to the Permanent Fund, only the income to be used, to be known as the "Helen G. Coburn" Fund . . . . .	4,981.60
Under the wish of Thomas B. Townsend as expressed just prior to his death . . . . .	500 00
To be added to the Permanent Fund, from the estate of Elizabeth W. Stevens, through Daniel Hall, Edwin W. Colburn, Executors . . . . .	500 00
	<u>6,481 60</u>
Balance from old account . . . . .	3,812 61
	<u>\$38,928 88</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$4,498 08
Travel, etc. . . . .	818 92
Board of children, and clothing . . . . .	11,173 02
Office expenses . . . . .	343 15
Postage and express . . . . .	374 64
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	210 88
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	143 04
Printing . . . . .	287 61
Fuel . . . . .	66 25
Telephone . . . . .	113 45
Water tax . . . . .	10 00
Rent of safe deposit box . . . . .	10 00
Advertising . . . . .	134 56
Investments . . . . .	19,396 76
Balance carried forward to new account,	
In the hands of Treasurer . . . . .	\$1,248 52
Amount advanced to General Secretary . . . . .	100 00
	<u>1,348 52</u>
	<u>\$38,928 88</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Oct. 29, 1906.

I have examined the above account, and found the same correct and properly vouched.

(Signed)

WM. H. HERRICK,  
Public Accountant, 24 Milk St.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861 . . . . .	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of Mr. George Howe, "to be added to the capital fund of said institution for investment and income in support thereof," Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Mr. Martin L. Hall, "to be placed on interest, and such interest to be applied to the support of said Society forever," May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mr. Lorenzo S. Cragin, "to be added to the permanent funds," April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of Mr. George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society," Jan. 8, 1879 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mr. Gardner Colby, "the principal to be kept forever intact, and the interest only used," April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Mr. Ralph M. Pomeroy, "to be added to the permanent investments of the Society, the income only thereof to be applied to its uses and purposes," Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," "to be added to the permanent fund of the Society, of which only the interest shall be used for the support of the Society," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, "to be placed on interest, and said interest to be applied to the support of said Children's Friend Society forever," Aug. 31, 1889 . . . . .	500 00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$34,270 00
Estate of Mr. Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Memorial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund," the income only to be used . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Marie Auberson, to be called the "Marie Auberson Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Sarah Augusta Winslow, to be known as the "Sarah Augusta Winslow Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Helen G. Coburn, to be known as the "Helen G. Coburn Fund" . . . . .	4,981 60
Estate of Elizabeth W. Stevens, to be added to the Permanent Fund . . . . .	500 00
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	\$91,522 52

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of—— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the



first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

## SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1906.

### CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND CLUBS.

Congregational Sunday School, Dedham . . . . .	\$ 7 18
First Parish, Malden . . . . .	10 50
Harvard Church Sunday School, Brookline . . . . .	23 40
Harvard Church Sunday School, Brookline, Intermediate Dept. . . . .	15 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society . . . . .	50 00
Old South Congregational Church . . . . .	400 84
St. Paul's Church, Malden . . . . .	10 00

\$516 92

### INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Abbott, Miss Georgianna E. \$5 00	Beals, William . . . . . \$2 00
Adams, A. J. . . . . 100 00	Benedict, Mrs. William G. . . 2 00
Adams, Walter B. . . . . 5 00	Bentley, Geo. W. . . . . 5 00
Adams, Mrs. Walter B. . . 12 00	Bigelow, Mrs. Prescott, Sr., 10 00
Albree, Mrs. John . . . . 4 00	Bingham, Mrs. G. P. . . . 10 00
Alford, Miss Martha . . . 5 00	Blake, John A. Lowell . . . 10 00
Alford, Mrs. O. H. . . . . 5 00	Blake, Mary L. . . . . 5 00
Allen, Miss M. Josephine . 5 00	Blodgett, Mrs. Caleb . . . . 2 00
Amory, Mrs. Wm., 2d . . . 5 00	Blume, Andreas . . . . . 5 00
Anonymous . . . . . 5 00	Boardman, Thomas . . . . . 1 00
Anthony, Mrs. S. Reed . . 10 00	Boos, Therese . . . . . 2 00
Appleton, Miss Marion . . 10 00	Borland, M. Woolsey . . . . 15 00
Appleton, Mrs. Dr. Wm. . . 5 00	Bowker, Mrs. R. R. . . . . 10 00
Armstrong, Mrs. G. E. . . 10 00	Bremer, Mrs. J. L. . . . . 10 00
Atwood, Mrs. R. K. . . . . 2 00	Brewster, Mrs. Helen M. . . 5 00
	Bronson, Mrs. Dillon . . . . 2 00
Badger, Walter I. . . . . 5 00	Brown, Charles H. C. . . . . 5 00
Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton	Brown, Durrell & Co. . . . . 10 00
P. . . . . 10 00	Brown, Miss Elizabeth J. . . 2 00
Barbour, Edmund D. . . . 10 00	Brown, J. Fred . . . . . 25 00
Barry, John L. . . . . 10 00	Brown, Mrs. J. Frederick . . 20 00
Bartlett, Mrs. S. L. . . . . 25 00	Brown, Samuel N. . . . . 10 00
Bartol, Mrs. Elizabeth H. . 10 00	Bryant, John D. . . . . 20 00
Bates, Jacob P. . . . . 25 00	Bumstead, Mrs. Freeman J. . 10 00
Batt, Charles R. . . . . 10 00	Burdett, E. W. . . . . 5 00
Beal, Miss Edith L. . . . . 2 00	Burdett, J. H. . . . . 5 00

Burgess, Miss M. C. . . . .	\$4 00	Eaton, Miss Mary J. . . . .	\$25 00
Butler, Mrs. C. S. . . . .	2 00	Edwards, Hannah W. . . . .	10 00
Butler, Howard Fulton . . . .	1 00	Ellis, Augustus H. . . . .	10 00
Butler, Miss Isabel J. . . . .	2 00	Ely, Mrs. Frederick D. . . . .	2 00
		Emerson, D. R. & Co. . . . .	3 00
Cabot, Mrs. J. S. . . . .	5 00	Ernst, Mrs. Harold C. . . . .	3 00
Carr, Mrs. John . . . . .	4 00	Estabrook, A. F. . . . .	25 00
Carter, J. R. . . . .	5 00	Everett, Horace D. . . . .	5 00
Cash . . . . .	1 00	Everett, Theodore . . . . .	5 00
Chase, Mrs. Philip A. . . . .	5 00	Farlow, Mrs. George A. . . . .	10 00
Chase, Mrs. Theodore . . . . .	10 00	Farmer, Lewis G. . . . .	1 00
Chase & Sanborn . . . . .	10 00	Fay, Miss Sarah M. . . . .	10 00
Cheney, Mrs. Arthur . . . . .	10 00	Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall . . . .	2 00
"E. S. C." . . . . .	25 00	Field, Mrs. J. W. . . . .	3 00
Chick, Mrs. I. W. . . . .	10 00	Firth, Wm. . . . .	5 00
Child, Miss Myra B. . . . .	2 00	Fiske, Mrs. J. N. . . . .	35 00
Clapp, Mrs. Elmer E. . . . .	2 00	Fitch, Miss Carrie T. . . . .	5 00
Clark, James E. . . . .	23 00	Flint, Geo. H. . . . .	10 00
Clark, Master James L. . . . .	1 00	Foote, Arthur . . . . .	2 00
Clark, Mrs. John T. . . . .	5 00	Forbes, W. S. . . . .	2 00
Clark, Miss Lucy Mildred . . . .	1 00	French, Mrs. Caroline L. W. . . .	25 00
Clement, Parker & Co. . . . .	5 00	"Friends" . . . . .	192 00
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa . . . . .	10 00	Gahm, Jos. A. . . . .	5 00
Cobb, Mrs. John E. . . . .	2 00	Garritt, Mrs. William B. . . . .	12 00
Cobb, M. L. . . . .	10 00	Gaston, Miss Sarah H. . . . .	5 00
Coburn, Mrs. G. W. . . . .	25 00	Gay, Mrs. Albert . . . . .	2 00
Colburn, Miss Elizabeth C. . . . .	2 00	Gibbs, Lyman . . . . .	5 00
Conant, Mrs. William M. . . . .	2 00	Ginn & Co. . . . .	5 00
Converse, Mrs. Costello C. . . . .	10 00	Glover, Mrs. H. R. . . . .	2 00
Converse, Mrs. Joseph H. . . . .	2 00	Goldthwait, Mrs. Joel . . . . .	2 00
Crossett, Lewis A. . . . .	25 00	Gooding, Mrs. T. P. . . . .	5 00
Cummings, Mrs. C. A. . . . .	10 00	Gozzaldi, Mrs. S. M. . . . .	2 00
Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. . . . .	5 00	Grandin, Mrs. J. L. . . . .	25 00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P., Jr. . . . .	5 00	Graves, Fanny B. . . . .	5 00
Curtis, Mrs. Fanny L. . . . .	5 00	Gray, Mrs. J. Converse . . . . .	5 00
Cushing, Grafton D. . . . .	5 00	Gray, Miss Katherine Brew- ster . . . . .	2 00
Cushing, Mrs. H. W. . . . .	2 00	Gray, Mrs. Maria L. . . . .	2 00
		Gray, Roland . . . . .	5 00
Dabney, O. F. . . . .	4 00	Greeley, Cushman & Record . . . .	5 00
Daniels, Mrs. J. E. . . . .	12 00	Greeley, Mrs. Grace Grandin . . . .	10 00
Davidson, H. E. . . . .	5 00	Greeley, Mrs. R. F. . . . .	2 00
Davis, A. McF. . . . .	10 00	Green, Mrs. George H. . . . .	2 00
Dill, Mrs. C. H. . . . .	2 00	Greene, Mrs. B. W. B. . . . .	2 00
Drake, Miss Dorothy . . . . .	2 00	Grew, Edward S. . . . .	25 00
Driver, Steven W. . . . .	1 00	Grew, Henry S. . . . .	10 00

Hall, Mrs. H. S. . . . .	\$25 00	Leland, Lester . . . . .	\$250 00
Hallowell, Mrs. Anna D. . . . .	5 00	Leland, Mrs. Lewis A. . . . .	2 00
Hamlin, Mrs. Geo. P. . . . .	2 00	Lilley, Chas. S. . . . .	10 00
Harwood, Annie R. . . . .	5 00	Lockwood, Mrs. Amelia deF. . . . .	5 00
Hartley, Mrs. Harry . . . . .	10 00	Loring, Mrs. William Caleb . . . . .	15 00
Haskell, E. B. . . . .	10 00	Lovett, Mrs. A. S. . . . .	2 00
Hauthaway, Mrs. Edwin D. . . . .	2 00	Lowell, Mrs. A. L. . . . .	10 00
Hawes, The Misses . . . . .	2 00		
Hayes, Mrs. B. H. . . . .	5 00	McQuillen, Hugh H. . . . .	1 00
Haynes, Mrs. John C. . . . .	5 00	Macomber, Miss S. E. . . . .	44 00
Hecht, Mrs. Jacob H. . . . .	5 00	McKee, Mrs. William L. . . . .	35 00
Hill, Mrs. L. C. . . . .	1 00	Mayo, Miss Amy L. . . . .	2 00
Hill, Mrs. Wm. H. . . . .	5 00	Means, Miss M. B. . . . .	1 00
Holbrook, E. Everett . . . . .	10 00	Merrill, Mrs. Luther M. . . . .	2 00
Holderness . . . . .	5 00	Mitton, Edward J. . . . .	30 00
Hollander, Louis P. . . . .	5 00	Morrill, Mrs. Chas. B. . . . .	5 00
Hollingsworth, Mrs. George . . . . .	2 00	Morse, C. Willis . . . . .	2 00
Holtzer, C. W. . . . .	5 00	Morse, Mrs. R. M. . . . .	2 00
Hooper, Mrs. James R. . . . .	5 00	Morss, Mrs. C. A. . . . .	5 00
Hooper, Robert C. . . . .	20 00		
Hopkins, Mrs. Warren B. . . . .	2 00	Neebe, Mrs. Lawrence . . . . .	2 00
Horton, Mrs. Wm. H. . . . .	10 00	Nelson, Eugene . . . . .	5 00
Houghton, Clement S. . . . .	10 00	Newton Center . . . . .	2 00
Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G. . . . .	10 00	Nichols, Mrs. E. H. . . . .	2 00
Howe, Mrs. J. S. . . . .	5 00	Nichols, Lyman . . . . .	25 00
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Whosoever shall receive one of such children in  
my name, receiveth me.— MARK ix. 37.





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OF THE  
Boston Children's Friend  
Society

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## OBJECT AND METHOD.

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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston Mass.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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THE work of this Society during the year has been most satisfactory, inasmuch as we have had eighty-eight more applications than last year, the highest number we have ever had. At the present time 137 are in the care of the Society. The work has been increasing so rapidly that it has been necessary to add another visiting agent to our force, which means of course additional expense; but the good results with the children show we are working on the right lines, and that only encouragement from our friends with money is needed to continue our good work.

It will interest our friends to know about the Quincy Club. This is a club consisting now of thirty-one young men who were at one time in the Children's Friend Society's Dedham Home. The club was named by the young men in honor of George H. Quincy, a former director, who gave so much of his time and means to the Society. Every boy at the Home knew and honored Mr. Quincy, and his interest in them and in the Home will never be forgotten. The club was started about two years ago and holds social meetings occasionally. This summer one of the directors of the Society living in Dedham very generously invited the club to her home and gave them a picnic and outing. There were railroad-men, dentists, civil engineers, builders, machinists, chauffeurs, engineers, army men, clerks in wholesale grocery and dry-goods stores, on steamships and in various commission-houses. One of these boys, a civil engineer, has gone to South America to build a railroad.



Many of them are married, with from one to three children. They point with pride to the work on their behalf of the managers of the Society.

If any society, club, or sewing-circle wishes to be informed of our work, the General Secretary would be glad at any time to give a talk and explain our methods. We are very grateful to all the kind friends who by subscriptions or otherwise have given us aid during the year, and to the physicians especially, who have given us such generous help.

We have secured bequests of seven thousand dollars during the year, the sum to be added to the Permanent Fund, the income to be used for the purposes of the Society. We are hoping that friends will continually aid in increasing this fund, so that the future work will be as successful as the past.

We regret to record during the year the death of two of our most devoted directors and friends: Mrs. R. K. Potter, who became a member of the Board in 1878, who was untiring in her efforts to further any project which would benefit the Society, and whose cheerfulness and pleasant words of encouragement will never be forgotten; and Mrs. I. W. Chick, who became a member of the Board of Directors in 1897. Mrs. Chick was deeply interested in our work, and her sympathetic nature and generous aid brightened the lives of many little children in our care. The loss to us all is inexpressible.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



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SOME OF OUR CHILDREN ARE PATIENTS AT THIS DENTAL CLINIC.

# CONSULTATION DEPARTMENT.

## STATISTICS FOR 1907.

### DISPOSITION OF CHILDREN APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE.

Advice given . . . . .	161
Withdrawn . . . . .	64
Associated Charities of Boston . . . . .	44
Referred to Placing-out Department . . . . .	42
Children's Mission . . . . .	44
Boston Children's Aid Society . . . . .	37
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children . . . . .	33
Massachusetts Infant Asylum . . . . .	17
Society for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants . . . . .	14
Catholic Charitable Bureau . . . . .	13
Division Minor Wards . . . . .	8
Federation of Jewish Charities . . . . .	5
South End Day Nursery . . . . .	5
Trustees for Children of Boston . . . . .	4
Associated Charities of Cambridge . . . . .	4
Worcester Children's Friend Society . . . . .	3
Saint Vincent de Paul . . . . .	2
Associated Charities of Lynn . . . . .	2
Harrison Avenue Home . . . . .	2
Saint Elizabeth Day Nursery . . . . .	1
House of Mercy . . . . .	1
Brookline Friendly Society . . . . .	1
Pending . . . . .	19
Total number children applying during the year . . . . .	528

# PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

## STATISTICS FOR 1907.

Number in families for whom board was being paid	
Nov. 1, 1906 . . . . .	80
Number in families earning their own board . . . . .	35
Number in families earning wages . . . . .	6
Total number in care Nov. 1, 1906 . . . . .	121
Number placed in families during the year . . . . .	49
Total number cared for during the year . . . . .	170
Number discharged from care of Society during year . . . . .	33
Number in care of Society Nov. 1, 1907 . . . . .	137
Number in families for whom board is being paid . . . . .	86
Number in families earning their own board . . . . .	41
Number in families earning wages . . . . .	10
Number of visits made by agents to children in families or by children to the office . . . . .	549
Number of visits made by children to physicians, hospitals, and dentists . . . . .	701
Number of applications received from families who wish to take children into their homes . . . . .	247
Number who would take children to board . . . . .	128
Number who would take children free . . . . .	76
Number who would pay wages to a boy or girl . . . . .	34
Number who would take children for adoption . . . . .	9

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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### **Consultation Department.**

The Society has received more applications for help and advice this year than in any previous year of its existence. The 338 cases applying to us have involved 528 children, bringing a vast and varied assortment of problems to be solved by our Consultation Department.



### **Causes of Application.**

The causes of application during the last year show the scope of our work in such an interesting and instructive way that I am going to present them to you, giving them in the order of their numerical importance. The first on the list are the 65 cases where the father was dead and we were asked to take the children in order that the mother might go to work. Fifty-five cases involved unmarried mothers who wished their babies provided for or sought advice in the tragic difficulties which beset them. Next come the families deserted by the father, of which we have 45 recorded. There are 30 cases in which the mother was dead and we were asked to help a somewhat helpless father. In still 30 other cases the father had neglected to provide properly for his family—in some instances on account of drink; in others, from sheer laziness or inefficiency.

Twenty-nine cases involved children in poor physical or mental condition or of unruly disposition. Some of these were very pathetic. One little girl, who was nearly blind, and because of her infirmity badly treated at

home by an unreasonable stepmother, was happily placed by us in a School for the Blind. Several feeble-minded children we have had admitted to the State Institution at Waverley. In the cases of a number of unruly children we have found a solution of the problem in advice to the parents as to management and discipline, followed by close supervision of the child in its own home—a far better method, when feasible, than the disruption of the family and the placing of the child in a correctional institution.

In 18 cases the trouble consisted in the separation of the father and mother. Problems of this sort can sometimes be satisfactorily solved through the assistance of relatives and friends, sometimes even to the reuniting of the family. But to determine which side of the story is the true one, which is the suitable parent to keep the children, often requires the wisdom of Solomon, and makes this class of case one of the most difficult and delicate with which the Children's Friend Society has to deal.

In 19 cases the mother was ill and it was necessary for us to take some of the children into our care. With the exception of three cases where the mother was insane, this was only a temporary arrangement until the women could get on their feet again. Several of these mothers were obliged to go away to be treated for tuberculosis. In 8 cases the father was ill or insane. It is



ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS—HOW TO  
MAKE HIM SELF-SUPPORTING.



rather surprising to find that 12 of our applications involved mothers who had deserted their families; most of these mothers were drunkards.

In 7 cases both the mother and father were dead, and in the same number the mother neglected her family. The father was out of work in 6 cases, and in 6 others we were asked to take the children in order that both the father and mother might go to work. This plan we always discourage as strongly as possible, and insist that the mother's place is at home caring properly for her children — not in the factory or workshop, relieving the father of his natural duty to support. In one case the cause was unknown.

From this variety of causes it can readily be seen that the Society can pursue no cut-and-dried method in its efforts to help. In order to prescribe the best treatment we must know the facts bearing on the problem in hand. To obtain these facts is sometimes not an easy task, as applicants often withhold important information or make misstatements. Should these same applicants have occasion to go to a doctor they would certainly not assume that they themselves had made the correct and complete diagnosis and ask simply for medicine. They would expect the doctor to tell them what was the matter with them.



**Diagnosis.** Now we hold that the Children's Friend Society stands in a position corresponding to the doctor's, and we cannot conscientiously accept the applicant's diagnosis of his case before we have brought our own expert knowledge to bear. In our efforts to get at the root of the family difficulty and form some plan we find consultation with friends, relatives, family physicians, pastors, employers, and school-teachers invaluable. This plan when made may involve the taking of the children by this Society, or the accepting

of the offer of a relative to provide a home. It may mean referring the child to some other organization that has the necessary equipment to adjust the difficulty, to a school for the feeble-minded, to an epileptic colony, or to a reformatory. It always means a careful study of the particular case in hand.

I cannot emphasize too often or too strongly the tremendous value to us of the physician in determining our course of action. With every added year in charity work we realize more fully that the basis of much of the distress we are trying to alleviate is physical disability of either the parents or children or both, and one of the most important foundations for normal family life and family progress is physical vigor.

Any applicant, therefore, coming to our office has at his disposal the benefit of the accumulated experiences of the Society in dealing constantly day after day in all sorts of family problems. The following is rather a typical case. A mother comes to our office asking that we provide for her three children. A talk with her brings



THESE SISTERS WERE NEGLECTED BY THEIR  
DISSOLUTE MOTHER.

out the fact that her husband has left her for parts unknown three days ago. Obviously, the first thing to do, after ascertaining that the woman and her children are temporarily provided for, is to try to locate the husband. We may get track of him through his employers or associates, but more likely he has completely vanished, after the usual fashion of the deserting father. Our next step is to see if we can find relatives to take the children or contribute toward their support. In short, we exhaust the resources and possibilities of the family before we consent to take full charge of the children, realizing that it is not wholesome for deserting fathers to find that responsibility for their children can be easily shifted to the impersonal shoulders of a charitable society. Our policy is to pursue and to watch out for these deserters with tireless persistence.<sup>7</sup> We see more clearly every day that the value of our work will in the long run depend upon the permanent good that is done, not upon the amount of temporary relief given.



**Some Children  
We Have Helped.**

We have at present under supervision a fourteen-year-old girl who was locked out of her own home by her father on several occasions because she was unruly. The main culprit in this case was of course the father. We have had consultation with him and he now realizes his mistake, and continued visits to the home by our agent have resulted in improved behavior on the part of the girl and a happier family understanding. We consider this as important a piece of work as any that is done in our Placing-out Department.

Another interesting case, which could not be so easily adjusted, was that of a nine-year-old girl who was continually running away from home, only to be picked up by the police of other towns and returned. Often she would not tell where she came from, and it was only

through the newspaper reports that the father was able to locate her. By the time she came to our notice she had gained quite a newspaper notoriety. She would give no reasons for leaving home, but after careful inquiry among neighbors and friends we were convinced that a cruel stepmother was at the bottom of the trouble, although there was not sufficient evidence against the family to warrant prosecution. We have placed the



A TYPE OF HOME FOR ONE OF OUR CHILDREN.

child in a private family at board, the father paying as much as he is able, and she is now doing well. This is a typical case of preventive work, for we have probably saved that girl from the corrupting influences sure to come to those driven from home to a life upon the streets.



**Placing-out  
Department.**

The problems of the Placing-out Department, though different, are as varied as those of the Consultation Department. and range all the way from the careful dieting of an in-

fant to the proper treatment of a boy who has run away or a girl who persistently refuses to wear the glasses prescribed for her by an eye specialist. Our routine work requires from year to year the same tact and patience on the part of our visitors. The clothing for the children, the best place to buy, the most economical material to purchase, the regular visits of all our wards to the dentist, the occasional trip to the hospital or dispensary, and, most important of all, the constant watchful supervision over our children — these are duties which call for the expenditure of much time and of our very best judgment. Let me repeat that the mere placing of a child in a family is but the first step in our work.

The Society has at present placed out in families 137 children, whose ages range from a few months to eighteen years. The devotion of some of the families to the little ones in their charge is most gratifying and really surprising. A little boy of six was placed about a year ago with a man and his wife who had lost two sons, one about the age of our little one. Charles has not much to boast of in the way of ancestry: for five generations his people have been moral degenerates, and Charles himself has tendencies that make it necessary to watch him closely. His ears are in bad shape, and the doctor says that if he had not received such careful attention he would undoubtedly have become deaf. He has also been operated upon twice for adenoids. Through it all the foster-mother has been as devoted as if he were her own child, going with him through many winter storms to the specialist that he might not miss his ear-treatments.

Another interesting case is that of an eleven-year-old girl whom we were obliged to place in a sanatorium for treatment for tuberculosis. She was there many months, at considerable expense to us, but we had the great



pleasure of seeing her improve rapidly. It happened that a man and his wife came often to the sanatorium to visit a relative there, and during these visits became so much interested in our little Bertha that they applied to us for permission to take her into their own family. We found that they were excellent people and able to give Bertha a fine home, so we have placed her with them. They are devoted to her and are carrying out



THE HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT OF ONE OF OUR GIRLS.

the treatment prescribed for her by the physician so conscientiously that we hope in time to transform a delicate child into one that is strong and rugged.

These and many similar cases which I could cite go to show very clearly that the motive which prompts these families to take children into their homes is not the gain which they themselves can get out of it, but rather the good which they can do for their little charges.



**The Children's  
Friends.**

The children have other good and generous friends who year by year give willingly of their means to help maintain our work. But yet our Permanent Fund, our donations, and subscriptions must be increased if we are to meet the larger demand for help that is being made upon us. It is with no sense of begging, but rather as offering an opportunity, that we come before you again this year to ask your help in donations to support and extend our work. For the work that is most permanent and far-reaching is the work that is put into foundations, and the foundation of society for to-morrow is the saving of the children of to-day.

SEYMOUR H. STONE,  
General Secretary.



AN OUTING WITH THEIR FOSTER-MOTHER.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1907.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children, and clothing . . . . .	\$7,036 85
Income from invested funds . . . . .	4,055 61
Donations . . . . .	5,369 11
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	73 08
Rebate bank tax . . . . .	32 33
Investments paid . . . . .	1,500 00

## LEGACIES.

To be added to the Permanent Fund, the income only to be used, under the will of Mrs. Eliza James Bell Draper . . . . .	\$ 500 00
Under the will of Charles E. French . . . . .	500 00
Under the will of James D. Lincoln . . . . .	1,000 00
To be added to the Permanent Fund under the will of Lyman Nichols, in memory of Mr. Nichols's mother, Annie M. Nichols . . . . .	5,000 00
Under the will of Helen G. Coburn, final payment, added to Permanent Fund . . . . .	8 45 7,008 45
Balance from old account . . . . .	1,348 52
	<u>\$26,423 95</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$4,840 83
Travel, etc. . . . .	890 56
Board of children . . . . .	8,503 32
Clothing furnished . . . . .	2,665 18
Office expenses . . . . .	513 32
Postage and express . . . . .	424 05
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	175 76
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	131 07
Printing . . . . .	229 02
Telephone . . . . .	131 22
Advertising . . . . .	282 75
Investments . . . . .	5,069 63
Balance carried forward to new account,	
Amount to be reinvested . . . . .	\$1,250 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer . . . . .	1,217 24
Amount advanced to General Secretary . . . . .	100 00 2,567 24

\$26,423 95

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

24 MILK ST., BOSTON, Nov. 2, 1907.

I have examined the foregoing cash account, and find the same  
correct and properly vouched.

(Signed)

WM. H. HERRICK,  
Public Auditor.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861 . . . . .	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of George Howe, Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Martin L. Hall, May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Lorenzo S. Cragin, April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, Jan. 8, 1879 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Gardner Colby, April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Ralph M. Pomeroy, Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, Aug. 31, 1889 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$74,540 92

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$74,540 92
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Memorial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund" . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Marie Auberson, to be called the "Marie Auberson Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Sarah Augusta Winslow, to be known as the "Sarah Augusta Winslow Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Helen G. Coburn, to be known as the "Helen G. Coburn Fund" . . . . .	4,990 05
Estate of Elizabeth W. Stevens . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Eliza James Bell Draper . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Lyman Nichols, in memory of Mr. Nichols's mother, Annie M. Nichols . . . . .	5,000 00
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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of——— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children ; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member ; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society ; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation ; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the



first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school. When necessary, children are supervised in their own homes.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

As we review our work of the past year we find much for which to be thankful. An additional agent on our office force has given us an opportunity for more frequent visiting in some of the homes, many families have been kept together, and cases which at first seemed hopeless have been so patiently and wisely managed that parents and children have become united and are living happy lives.

At the time of the Chelsea fire, when about fifteen thousand persons were made destitute, the General Secretary was summoned to take part in the relief work, and gave all of his time for over two weeks, beginning the night of the fire. In his absence the work of the office was left in charge of Mrs. Skinner.

The additional expense of our work can be realized only by looking at the figures, which call for the support of 182 children. The applications made to us this year about equal the number assisted last year. We do not wish to turn any child away, and we ask the hearty support of friends to enable us to meet every obligation. If our friends would become interested in the support of some one child, and give annually a certain sum to aid this particular boy or girl in some way, it would be most gratifying to us. This is our seventy-fifth annual meeting, and we represent the oldest society in Boston caring for both boys and girls. We certainly have a just pride in the work the Society has been able to do hitherto. Will not our friends show their confidence and appreciation of our work by remembering us with bequests, so that the future may show even greater results?

We gratefully acknowledge the aid which has come to us during the year, and earnestly hope that the new friends will become yearly contributors.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



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Number of cases applying for assistance . . . . .	333
Number of children involved . . . . .	<u>519</u>

### DISPOSITION OF CHILDREN APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE.

Number given advice . . . . .	149
“ withdrawn . . . . .	67
“ referred to Placing-out Department of this Society . . . . .	42
“ “ Pending . . . . .	11
“ “ Associated Charities, Boston . . . . .	52
“ “ *Children’s Aid Society . . . . .	45
“ “ *Children’s Mission . . . . .	41
“ “ Massachusetts Infant Asylum . . . . .	22
“ “ Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children . . . . .	16
“ “ Catholic Bureau . . . . .	16
“ “ Society for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants . . . . .	13
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, Boston . . . . .	9
“ “ Division of State Minor Wards . . . . .	8
“ “ Associated Charities, Cambridge . . . . .	4
“ “ Associated Charities, Malden . . . . .	3
“ “ New England Home for Little Wanderers . . . . .	3
“ “ Federation of Jewish Charities . . . . .	2
“ “ Boston Female Asylum . . . . .	2
“ “ Ruggles Street Baptist Church . . . . .	2
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, Natick . . . . .	2
“ “ Associated Charities, Newton . . . . .	1
“ “ Associated Charities, Somerville . . . . .	1
“ “ South End Day Nursery . . . . .	1
“ “ Boston Juvenile Court . . . . .	1
“ “ The Hospital Cottages for Children, Baldwinsville . . . . .	1
“ “ Boston Floating Hospital . . . . .	1
“ “ Gwynne Temporary Home . . . . .	1
“ “ Talitha Cumi Maternity Home . . . . .	1
“ “ House of Mercy . . . . .	1
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, Waltham . . . . .	1

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\* These children were referred back because this society had originally worked on their cases.

# PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

## STATISTICS FOR 1908.

Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1907 . .	137
Number in families for whom board was being paid . . . . .	86
Number in families without payment of board . . .	41
Number earning wages . . . . .	10
Number of children placed in families during the year . .	45
Total number cared for during the year . . . . .	182
Number of children discharged from care of the Society during the year . . . . .	21
Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1908 . .	161
Number in families for whom board is being paid . .	67
Number in families without payment of board . . .	41
Number earning wages . . . . .	15
Number with relations, or self-supporting and under partial supervision . . . . .	38
Number of changes in location of children (between families, relatives, and hospitals) . . . . .	281
Numbers of visits made by agents to children in families, or by children to the office or shopping . . . . .	830
Number of visits by children to eye physicians . . . . .	103
Number of visits to ear, nose, and throat physicians . . .	47
Number of visits to dentists . . . . .	264
Number of visits to physicians for other ailments . . . .	210
Total . . . . .	624
Number of applications from families who wish to take children into their homes . . . . .	195
Number who would take children to board . . . .	114
Number who would take children without board . .	37
Number who would pay wages to a boy or girl . . .	26
Number who would take children for adoption . . .	18

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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### Growth of the Society in Seventy- five Years.

Seventy-five years ago a benevolent woman living on Sheafe Street, in the North End, became so distressed at the suffering and destitution among the children of the neighborhood that she took three little girls into her own family. This



act of kindness opened the eyes of half a dozen other women to the great possibilities for doing good within their reach, and they resolved to join themselves to Mrs. Burns in an effort to better the conditions of childhood. Those three little girls were our first wards, and those warm-hearted women were the founders of the Boston Children's Friend Society.

In 1833 the only known way of caring for destitute children was to gather them into an institution, and the

founders of this Society made their first Home at 83 Prince Street, where it was possible to provide for about 30 children. In the following year the Society was incorporated. By 1845 the enterprise had prospered so well that the house at Prince Street had been outgrown, and the children were moved to larger quar-

ters, first in Somerville and later in Boston. It was in 1848 that, the city having granted to the Society the lot at 48 Rutland Street, the large and commodious building was erected in which for more than fifty years generations of children found a refuge and a home, and in which the executive offices of the Society are located to-day.

**Adoption of the  
Method of Placing  
Children in Private  
Families.**

By 1900 the city had so far expanded that the neighborhood of Rutland Street had changed its character, and even with the older boys on a beautiful country estate in Dedham the directors felt that the time had come when the children must be moved again. But in these fifty years it was not only the city that had grown; there had also occurred a growth in the knowledge of how best to care for dependent children, and the directors of the Society, true to the spirit of helpfulness that had animated its founders, decided to investigate the modern method of placing children in families before transferring the children to another institution.

The more carefully they studied the plan the more fully they became convinced that for the normal child the wholesome influence of a natural family life, the chance to go to school and mingle with other children in a natural way, above all the cherishing care of loving foster-parents, are boons that the best institutions in the world cannot give. They saw, moreover, that by the method of placing children in families the number that could be helped would be limited not by any inelastic building, but only by the funds available, and that the work would never again be hampered by that scourge of institutions, the contagious disease.

In the fall of 1900, accordingly, it was decided to close permanently both institutions, and to place the children out in private families under the careful charge of an

experienced general secretary; and I think it is not necessary to point out how fully the results of the last eight years have justified the wisdom of the directors.

**Removing the**

**Cause of Destitution.**

This is our seventy-fifth birthday — surely an appropriate time to consider for a few minutes the change in our point of view since 1833 in the treatment of destitute children. Seventy-five years ago philanthropic zeal was concerned solely with *relieving* destitution; to-day it directs its efforts first of all toward discovering and *removing the cause* of that destitution. The Children's Friend Society to-day considers that if through its efforts the parents of a family of children can be helped to self-support, if relatives can be aroused to a sense of obligation in regard to those children, it has done a finer piece of work than if it had swung wide its door at the cry for help. These shiftless parents are the reason for destitute children, and we are not striking at the root of this evil unless we are doing all in our power to make the parents with whom we come in contact more self-reliant.

Not long ago we were asked to take three children, eight, six, and two years old. The mother had been twice married, the two older girls being the children of her first marriage and the little boy the child of her second husband, who had deserted her. It appeared that several months before the birth of this child her husband had begun drinking to excess, and the family had moved into the country in the hope of thereby removing him from temptation. It did no good, however, and the husband often came home so drunk that the woman was obliged to sit up nearly all night in fear of her life. Sometimes he drove her from the house, and in this way she caught the cold that resulted in consumption, which was somewhat advanced at the time that application was made to us. The mother and children were





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housed 80  
children —



we now  
place them  
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and beautiful  
surroundings  
like these.



then living with a grandmother, who was bedridden with paralysis. There were also an uncle and aunt in the family, and the household was so crowded that the tubercular mother had to sleep in the same bed with her three children. Our first move was to visit the relatives of the family, a number of whom were estranged from the mother on account of the second marriage, and almost all of whom were in bad physical condition themselves. We succeeded, however, in finding two or three in more fortunate circumstances, and in influencing them to a more kindly feeling toward the mother and children. An uncle agreed to take one of the little girls; and an aunt, the other two. We then arranged for the mother to receive treatment at a Day Camp for tubercular patients, and later she was admitted to a hospital.

Thus by a careful investigation of the family resources we not only prevented three children from becoming a public burden, but we kept them together among their own people, and did what we could toward getting the mother into a condition where she could once more assume her natural responsibilities. The lives of parents and children are bound together, and we cannot rightly help the children without considering, and if possible unravelling, the difficulties which beset the fathers and mothers.

**Coöperation with Other Charitable Organizations.** — Seventy-five years ago an application to a charitable organization involved one simple question: Is or is not this particular case one that can be suitably admitted to our institution? To-day the Children's Friend Society turns away no case of distress without seeing that some plan is set on foot for its relief. If the child cannot properly be taken into our care, if the family problem is not one that we can solve by advising and guiding the parents during the critical

time, we see that the matter is taken to that organization best fitted to deal with the particular case. Instances of cruelty and desertion we refer to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Problems involving a whole family, which it is found unnecessary to break up, but which will need help and supervision for an indefinite period, are put into the hands of the local Associated Charities. Every year there come to us that sad company of unmarried mothers, usually with the one idea of shifting their burden to other shoulders, and we consider that that part of our work which assists these young women, through our coöperation with the Society for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants, to find places at service with their babies is of the most far-reaching importance.

Perhaps the most striking advance that philanthropic workers have made in this seventy-five years has been in this matter of coöperation, in the growing realization that relief work must be one great whole made up of many parts, all working together, without waste or duplication of effort. The Children's Friend Society, with some sixty other organizations, registers the name, and a few identifying facts, of every case that comes to them for help, at a central bureau maintained for the purpose. Conversely, whenever an application is made to this Society for help we at once telephone to the central bureau to learn if the applicant is already known to or has been helped by some other society doing similar work. If this is the case the matter is referred back to those who are already familiar with the problem in hand. This plan of inquiry has been tested long enough to show that as those who are striving to reduce suffering and destitution are thus drawn closer together the result is greater efficiency all along the line.

During the last year there came to our attention the case of two little boys who were about to be discharged

from a temporary institution, and for whom we were asked to make some plan. Inquiry disclosed the fact that the father had died about two months before at the State Almshouse, and that the mother, while she went out to work by the day, was far from well, was by no means earning a living, and had been helped by a local church and the Overseers of the Poor. It appeared upon investigation that the woman had two brothers and a mother in Newfoundland, but that she would not go home to them on account of the long winter journey and the fact that there was no way of supporting her family there. And although the Children's Friend Society, in its usual quest for relatives, found two paternal uncles living near Boston who were persuaded to take the boys until spring, the mother refused to have anything to do with her husband's brothers, preferring to leave the children to the care of neighbors, a church, and the Overseers of the Poor. Convinced that she was really half sick, we arranged for an examination and found that an operation was necessary. This was successfully performed, and during her convalescence we corresponded with the relatives in Newfoundland, who finally consented to give the mother and children a home, and even sent on a small sum toward their car-fares.

In the spring, with the aid of a charitable society whose object is to help persons of this woman's nationality, we secured the remainder of the car-fare and had the pleasure of seeing a very happy family off for Newfoundland. We have heard several times since from the mother and grandmother that they are all well, getting on finely, and are glad to be with their relatives. This transformation of a sick and destitute family into a well-provided and happy one was brought about by the hearty and cordial coöperation of two charitable organizations, a hospital, a convalescent home, a church,

and the overseers of the poor, and is a fine illustration of what may be accomplished when each does its part and all pull together.

**Business  
Methods.**

During the seventy-five years of its existence the Children's Friend Society has learned by experience the great value of business methods in the keeping of records and accounts. Regular accounts are now opened with the parents or relatives of the children in our care, for payment of the amount agreed upon, this amount being determined in each individual case by the General Secretary, after having ascertained the income and expenses of the family. There are and always will be a certain number of friendless children to whom this Society must give full support, but with every added year of experience we are more firmly convinced that whatever parents can afford to give for the support of their children they must be required to pay, and regularly; that only on this principle can self-respect and a certain integrity of family relations be maintained.

This Society to-day keeps a full written record of every case applying for help or advice. We are thus not only ready at any moment to give confidential information regarding a family to any properly interested society, but in the case of a re-application to us for help we have before us a complete history of all previous dealings, which it would be impossible to hold fully and clearly in mind with the hundreds of other appeals that come to us every year. During this last year 45 cases have re-applied to us for help, and with the valuable information in regard to them already on file we were able to form some judgment in regard to the applicant, to make our diagnosis, and to propound our remedy without going over the whole ground again. Every society that has been in existence for a quarter of a century or more is called upon from time to time, by one

of its wards of years gone by, to give longed-for information about a father or mother or brother or sister, and how valuable complete records are in meeting these pathetic appeals must be plain to all.

**Consultation Department.** During the year 519 children have come to us for assistance. Of this number, 37 have been taken by the Society and placed in families, while 8 have been supervised by us in their own homes. A large number of cases were found, as usual, to need, not material assistance, but the friendly advice and stimulus which our experience with children enables us to give, while the remainder were referred to other organizations better fitted to deal with their particular needs.

**Placing-out Department.** At the beginning of the year there were 137 children in the care of the Society. Forty-five were admitted, making a total of 182 in charge of our Placing-out Department. Twenty-one were discharged, leaving 161 in our care at the end of the year. Of these 161, 38 are with parents or relatives, or are self-supporting and under only partial supervision. We feel that it is wise not to cut absolutely adrift those in whom we have been so deeply interested, and who have been so dependent on us; but, on the contrary, to keep in touch as long as possible with our older boys and girls, although our formal supervision of them must necessarily cease if they are to become self-reliant and responsible members of society.

**A Larger Work.** It is impossible that the method of 1908 should be that of 1833. The whole machinery of life is more complex now than it was then. Many of the difficult problems that are confronting us in this great, cosmopolitan Boston were not dreamed of in the provincial city of 1833. But surely the same spirit of charity that placed those three little



girls in the home of Mrs. Burns has brought us together here after seventy-five years to consider the needs of our larger family of 161, and to make again our appeal for help to carry on our ever-broadening work. We make it with the firm assurance that neither in 1833, nor in 1908, nor in any other year, will men and women turn away from the demands of childhood.

SEYMOUR H. STONE, General Secretary.





# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1908.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children, and clothing . . . . .	\$6,645 25
Income from invested funds . . . . .	4,250 26
Donations . . . . .	5,031 35
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	49 60
Rebate bank tax . . . . .	33 35

## LEGACIES.

J. Converse Gray, under the will of Maria L. Gray .	\$200.00	
Estate of Adoniram J. Adams, left to the Boys' Home, Dedham, Mass. . . . .	2,000.00	
Estate of Ellen M. B. Winch . . . . .	1,060.67	
Balance from old account . . . . .		2,567 24
		<u>\$21,837 72</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$5,530 00	
Travel, etc. . . . .	937 42	
Board of children . . . . .	8,258 38	
Clothing furnished . . . . .	2,647 10	
Office expenses . . . . .	413 33	
Postage and express . . . . .	426 31	
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	257 92	
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	354 51	
Printing . . . . .	316 55	
Telephone . . . . .	147 23	
Advertising . . . . .	148 55	
Investments . . . . .	1,250 00	
Repairs . . . . .	215 90	
Balance carried forward to new account,		
Balance in hands of Treasurer . . . . .	834 52	
Amount advanced to General Secretary . . . . .	100 00	934 52
		<u>\$21,837 72</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

24 MILK ST., BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 29, 1908.

I have examined the foregoing cash account, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

(Signed) WM. H. HERRICK,  
Public Auditor.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of George Howe, Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Martin L. Hall, May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Lorenzo S. Cragin, April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, Jan. 8, 1879 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Gardner Colby, April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Ralph M. Pomeroy, Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, Aug. 31, 1889 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$74,540 92

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$74,540 92
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Memorial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund" . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Marie Auberson, to be called the "Marie Auberson Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Sarah Augusta Winslow, to be known as the "Sarah Augusta Winslow Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Helen G. Coburn, to be known as the "Helen G. Coburn Fund" . . . . .	4,990 05
Estate of Elizabeth W. Stevens . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Eliza James Bell Draper . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Lyman Nichols, in memory of Mr. Nichols's mother, Annie M. Nichols . . . . .	5,000 00
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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of —— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to interest itself in behalf of needy and exposed children; to provide when necessary for their reception, care, and education, either on surrender or as boarders, until the object for which they were taken has been accomplished, or until other suitable provision can be made for them.

ART. 3. Any woman subscribing and paying two dollars, and any man subscribing and paying five dollars, annually, shall be a member; children and youths, one dollar. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of ten or more men and ten or more women. The officers shall be chosen from their number, and shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Clerk. They shall be elected annually. The Directors shall have the management and control of all the affairs and property of the Society. They may appoint Collectors, fill vacancies in their own number, and perform the work of the Society by such committees from their own number as they deem proper. They shall have power to make contracts binding on the Society; to employ such agents and assistants as they deem expedient, and fix their compensation; to take such action as they deem necessary for the well-ordering of the Society.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business on the first Friday of every month, at a convenient place and hour. Extra meetings may be held at the call of the President, or in the absence of the President, of a Vice-President, at such time and place as shall be designated, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting. The regular meetings of the Board shall be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in the absence of the President, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board. In case all three Vice-Presidents are absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among those present.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation; he shall pay all bills and accounts approved by the President or Vice-President, or otherwise approved by action of the Directors; he shall exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of all receipts and expenditures, with the certificate of the Auditors. The Assistant Treasurer shall take charge of the Collectors' books and keep a list of the annual subscribers; shall receive moneys collected, pay the same to the Treasurer, and fill certificates of life membership. The Auditor shall audit the books and accounts of the Society.

ART. 8. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, shall keep full and accurate records of their proceedings, shall perform all the usual duties of a clerk, and shall notify Directors of meetings of the Society by written or printed notifications to be sent at least three days before each meeting.

ART. 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the first week of November, when the annual reports shall be submitted, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 10. A person who has for years been an efficient member of the Board of Directors, and who, from various reasons, is prevented from regular attendance at the meetings, may be made an honorary member by the unanimous vote of said Board.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.



## SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1908.

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Abbott, Miss Georgianna C. . . . .	\$3 00	Borland, M. Woolsey . . . . .	\$15 00
Adams, Mrs. Walter B. . . . .	3 00	Boos, Mrs. Therese . . . . .	2 00
Albree, Mrs. John . . . . .	2 00	Bowker, Mrs. R. R. . . . .	10 00
Alford, Miss Martha . . . . .	5 00	Bremer, Mrs. J. L. . . . .	10 00
Alford, Mrs. O. H. . . . .	10 00	Bronson, Mrs. Dillon . . . . .	2 00
Allen, Rev. F. B. . . . .	10 00	Brown & Adams . . . . .	50 00
Allen, Miss M. Josephine . . . . .	5 00	Brown, Charles H. C. . . . .	5 00
Andrews, Miss Ellen . . . . .	5 00	Brown, Durrell & Co. . . . .	10 00
Anon . . . . .	21 00	Brown, Miss Elizabeth B. . . . .	10 00
Anthony, Mrs. H. P. . . . .	10 00	Brown, Samuel N. . . . .	10 00
Appleton, J. H. . . . .	5 00	Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth B. . . . .	10 00
Appleton, Miss Marion . . . . .	5 00	Bryant, Hon. John D. . . . .	10 00
Armstrong, Mrs. G. E. . . . .	5 00	Bryant, Mrs. John D. . . . .	5 00
Austin, Mrs. Calvin . . . . .	2 00	Bunker, Alfred . . . . .	1 00
		Burdett, J. H. . . . .	5 00
Bacon, Miss Ellen S. . . . .	10 00	Burgess, Miss Martha C. . . . .	2 00
Badger, Walter I. . . . .	5 00	Butler, Mrs. Chas. S. . . . .	5 00
Bailey, H. B. . . . .	1 00	Butler, Miss Isabel J. . . . .	2 00
Baker, Mrs. Ezra H. . . . .	3 00		
Baker, Miss Susan P. . . . .	4 00	Carter, J. R. . . . .	5 00
Barbour, Edmund D. . . . .	5 00	Cash . . . . .	5 00
Bartol, Miss Elizabeth H. . . . .	10 00	Chase & Sanborn . . . . .	10 00
Barnes, Mrs. Amos . . . . .	2 00	Chase, Mrs. Philip A. . . . .	25 00
Basto, Mrs. Wm. F. . . . .	2 00	Chase, Mrs. Theodore . . . . .	10 00
Bates, David . . . . .	1 00	Cheney, Mrs. Arthur . . . . .	20 00
Batt, Charles R. . . . .	10 00	Chick, I. W. . . . .	100 00
Beal, Miss Edith L. . . . .	2 00	Chick, Miss Mabel . . . . .	100 00
Beals, William . . . . .	3 00	Child, Miss Myra B. . . . .	2 00
Benedict, Mrs. William G. . . . .	2 00	Clapp, Mrs. Channing . . . . .	3 00
Bicknell, Joseph L. . . . .	1 00	Clapp, Mrs. Dwight M. . . . .	5 00
Bigelow, Mrs. A. F. . . . .	5 00	Clapp, Mrs. Elmer E. . . . .	2 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Prescott, Sr., . . . . .	15 00	Clark, Henry Martyn . . . . .	2 00
Bingham, Mrs. G. P. . . . .	2 00	Clark, Mrs. John T. . . . .	5 00
Bird, Mrs. W. B. . . . .	3 00	Cobb, Bates & Yerxa . . . . .	10 00
Blake, John A. Lowell . . . . .	10 00	Cobb, Mrs. Chas. K. . . . .	2 00
Blake, Mrs. T. D. . . . .	10 00	Codman, Miss Catherine A. . . . .	10 00
Blodgett, Mrs. Caleb . . . . .	2 00	Coffin, Mrs. Geo. R. . . . .	5 00
Boardman, Thomas . . . . .	1 00	Colburn, Mrs. Elizabeth C. . . . .	2 00

Conant, Mrs. Wm. M. . . .	\$2 00	Fitch, Miss Helen . . . .	\$25 00
Cong'l S. S., Dedham (Allin Evangel) . . . . .	4 68	Foote, Arthur . . . . .	2 00
Converse, Costello C. . .	1,000 00	Forbes, W. S. . . . .	2 00
Converse, Mrs. Costello C.	500 00	Friend . . . . .	24 00
Converse, Mrs. Charles H. .	2 00	Garrett, Mrs. William B. .	4 00
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## OBJECT AND METHOD.

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THIS Society is the oldest organization in Boston caring for both boys and girls. It interests itself in needy and exposed children. Any one knowing of such a case of distress may refer the matter to the Society and it will receive prompt attention.

Careful inquiry is made into the circumstances in each case, and an effort is made to preserve the family if it can be done consistently with the child's welfare. Those who need to be admitted are cared for in private families, carefully selected, under constant supervision of paid agents of the Society. Board at the rate of \$2 per week is paid for the younger children. Parents and friends are required to pay if able. They are allowed to visit the children. Brothers and sisters are kept together, and the effort is to reunite the family if conditions can be made suitable. Children are sometimes placed for adoption, but only when there is no hope of re-establishing the family. For the older boys and girls homes are found where they can earn their way while attending school, or wages if they do not go to school. When necessary, children are supervised in their own homes.

The Society is non-sectarian. It has no public aid, but is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Communications should be addressed to the Boston Children's Friend Society, 48 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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To-day marks the seventy-sixth annual meeting of this Society, and we are strongly impressed with the improvement gained by our placing-out method. The past year 452 children have applied for assistance, and 211 have been provided for in homes.

It was a happy suggestion of ex-President Roosevelt in calling a conference on Dependent Children at the White House on January 25 and 26. Delegates from thirty-six States were invited, including Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, all well-known workers in Children's Societies, members of State Boards, representatives of public and private organizations, judges, editors, professors, and lawyers. At the first session one of the speakers — Dr. Hastings H. Hart, of Chicago, who is making a study of placing-out societies for the Russell Sage Foundation — called attention in a most flattering way to the work done by the Boston Children's Friend Society, and we are more confident each year that we are carrying on our work on the right lines.

Our receipts were increased by the sum of \$2,179.24 from a Fair held by the Board of Directors at Hotel Vendome on November 18. Donations of flowers, jellies, and fancy articles were generously contributed by our friends, to whom we extend most grateful thanks.

Additions to the permanent fund were also made at this time: \$1,000 from Mrs. Sarah D. Lane, to be added to the Jonathan A. Lane fund, and \$1,000 from "A Friend."

There is still need of more annual subscribers, that we may give some assistance to every applicant. The

demands for aid are increasing every year, and the work requires faithful and conscientious helpers to investigate each case. The expenses are large, but the results go beyond every other plan ever tried by the Society to do what is best for the child.

We wish to express our gratitude to all who have in any way aided the work during the year, and we earnestly ask those who can improve the condition of dependent little children to do so through the Boston Children's Friend Society.

ADELAIDE A. THOMAS, Clerk.



Two of our children spent the summer at the shore.

# CONSULTATION DEPARTMENT.

## STATISTICS FOR 1909.

Number of cases applying for assistance . . . . .	310
Number of children involved . . . . .	452
Number of calls investigating cases . . . . .	788
Number of calls at office in regard to cases . . . . .	186

### DISPOSITION OF CHILDREN APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE.

Number given advice . . . . .	128
" referred to Associated Charities, Boston . . .	77
" withdrawn . . . . .	55
" referred to Placing-out Department . . . . .	40
" Massachusetts Society for the Pre- vention of Cruelty to Children . . .	27
" Children's Mission . . . . .	25
" Children's Aid Society . . . . .	21
" Pending . . . . .	12
" Catholic Charitable Bureau . . . . .	10
" Associated Charities, Taunton . . . . .	7
" Associated Charities, Newton . . . . .	6
" Massachusetts Infant Asylum . . . . .	5
" Society for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants . . . . .	4
" New England Home for Little Wan- derers . . . . .	4
" Associated Charities, Lynn . . . . .	3
" Associated Charities, Malden . . . . .	3
" Boston Female Asylum . . . . .	3
" Children's Friend Society, Worcester . . . . .	2
" Division of Minor Wards . . . . .	2
" Boston North End Mission . . . . .	2
" Girls' Refuge . . . . .	2
" Overseers of the Poor, Maynard . . . . .	2
" Church Home . . . . .	1
" Woman's Board of Charities, Med- ford . . . . .	1
" Massachusetts School for the Feeble- Minded . . . . .	1
" Brookline Friendly Society . . . . .	1
" Federation of Jewish Charities . . . . .	1
" Associated Charities, Salem . . . . .	1
" Charity Organization Society, Mon- treau . . . . .	1
" South End Day Nursery . . . . .	1
" Children's Aid Society, Brooklyn . . . . .	1
" Jamaica Plain Friendly Society . . . . .	1
" Malden Day Nursery . . . . .	1
" Massachusetts General Hospital, So- cial Service Department . . . . .	1

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# PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

## STATISTICS FOR 1909.

Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1908 . .	161
Number in families for whom board is being paid . .	67
Number in families without payment of board . . .	41
Number earning wages . . . . .	15
Number with relatives, or self-supporting and under partial supervision . . . . .	38
Number of children placed in families during the year . .	50
Total number cared for during the year . . . . .	211
Number of children discharged from care of the Society during the year . . . . .	49
Number of children in care of the Society Nov. 1, 1909 . .	162
Number in families for whom board is being paid . .	61
Number in families without payment of board . . .	35
Number earning wages . . . . .	10
Number with relatives, or self-supporting and under partial supervision . . . . .	56
Number of changes in location of children (between families, relatives, and hospitals) . . . . .	171
Numbers of visits made by agents to children in foster homes . . . . .	552
(This does not include number of changes in the loca- tion of children or visits made when placing children.)	
Number of calls by children to the office or shopping with agents . . . . .	319
Total . . . . .	871
Number of visits by children to eye physicians . . . . .	56
Number of visits by children to ear, nose, and throat phy- sicians . . . . .	85
Number of visits by children to dentists . . . . .	230
Number of visits by children to physicians for other ailments	107
Total . . . . .	478
Number of applications from families who wish to take children into their homes . . . . .	181
Number who would take children to board . . . .	97
Number who would take children without board . .	35
Number who would pay wages to a boy or girl . . .	31
Number who would take children for adoption . . .	18

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

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**Varied Causes.** The problems involving the welfare of children that come to us constantly, varied as they are, bring nothing very new year by year. It is the same procession of orphans, half-orphans, children in poor physical condition, children with deserting fathers or sick, incompetent, or working mothers, unfortunate young girls and wayward and unmanageable boys, that we are called upon to help, and it is with no unfamiliar story that we come before you at this seventy-sixth annual meeting.



**Parental Responsibility.** There are, however, a few phases of our work which we cannot too often recall or keep too vividly before our minds. One of these is the prime importance of fostering in parents a sense of responsibility for the support of their children.

No one who has not taken an active part in child-helping work can realize how fatally easy it is for fathers and mothers to relinquish their feeling of obligation at the same moment that they relinquish their children to the competent charge of a charitable organization.

When the Boston Children's Friend Society under-





takes to see, as it assuredly does, that all parents who are able to contribute to the support of their children in our care shall do so its best achievement is not the recouping of the Society, important as that is, but the safeguarding of family obligations, without which the community would be chaos.

It is interesting in this connection to see the hearty coöperation that is given us by the courts whenever it is necessary to make a delinquent father support his child.



**Coöperation.** A second important phase of our work this year, as always, is the mutually helpful relations which we are able to maintain with other charitable agencies.



A brother and sister together in our care.

There exists a certain class of needy persons who make a practice of going from one society to another, trying to obtain not perhaps the help they *need*, but the particular sort of help they *want*.

But persons who have reached the point of applying to a charitable organization are quite likely not to know

the best way of solving their particular difficulty, and it is of the utmost importance that societies doing similar work should pull together for a uniform solution of those difficulties, instead of working at cross-purposes.

It is a pleasure to report the close coöperation between this Society and other child-helping and relief agencies. By observing one another's work we are all learning to do our own work more efficiently, and with more lasting results.



**Intact  
Families.**

Another branch of our work, of which we never lose sight, is that involved in our effort to prevent the break-up and separation of the families wherever possible.



A home where we have a child placed for adoption.

In a number of instances of peculiar or unmanageable children we have this year been able, by visiting them in their own homes and giving advice and friendly oversight, to prevent serious mistakes that might later have made it imperative to remove the children from their parents to institutions.

**Physical  
Care.**

We continue to believe that there is no more important side to our work than that which concerns the health of the children who are taken into our care.

We are impressed anew this year with the poor physical condition in which many of them come to us. A number have been tubercular or pre-tubercular; several were found to be suffering from underfeeding; and one poor little baby, who is affected with cretinism, has required the constant services of a physician.

Rickets is not uncommon among the children entering our care, and we are constantly at work removing adenoids, treating eyes, ears, nose, and throat, as well as the teeth, and correcting spinal curvatures. All this special work has meant of course much watchful supervision on the part of our Placing-out Department.



**Children  
Received.**

Of the 50 children received into the care of the Society during the year, 13 were delicate, 3 were neglected, and 3 were wayward. It is significant to notice that 15 of these children had no



A brother and sister whom we are boarding together returning from school.

mothers; the mothers of 12 were obliged to go out to work; the mothers of 6 were wayward; the mothers of 8 were ill; of 3, divorced; and 3 mothers had deserted. There were therefore only 3 cases where the mother was living at home in a position to care for and guide her own children.

The fathers of 10 were dead; the fathers of 14 had deserted; 2 were ill; 2 were serving sentence in jail; 3 were divorced; 3 were unknown; and only 16 were regularly employed.



**Children Discharged.** Of the 49 children that have been this year discharged from our care, 38 were returned to parents, relatives, or guardians, and 5 of these 38, as well as 3 of the others, are now self-supporting. Seven were transferred to other organizations, such as the School for the Feeble-Minded and an Industrial School, for special treatment, and one was legally adopted.



**Good Citizens.** During the year we have been called upon to help 613 children. Our need for financial aid, if we are to carry on our work with the increasing helpfulness and efficiency for which we strive, is as pressing as ever. We therefore beg that you will continue to give us your support in making this Society a friend in deed as well as a friend in name to the many children who are dependent upon us for the opportunities that are to make of them good citizens.

SEYMOUR H. STONE, General Secretary.

## TWO OF OUR PROBLEMS AND HOW WE SOLVED THEM.

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Ten months ago we were asked to take charge of a fourteen-year-old girl and place her in a reform school. She was the oldest of five children, her mother having died four years ago. Two of the children had been taken by the State Board of Charity, and a third was living with a relative. When her mother died Mary had assumed the duties of housekeeper.

The father was a well-meaning man, but quite incapable of coping with the difficult situation in which he and his young daughter were placed. He complained that she was untrustworthy, that she spent money foolishly, was overbearing with her brother, and that she was so shiftless that she broke dishes rather than wash them. Finally, she was charged with forging a school certificate so that she could obtain work. There were relatives in better circumstances living in the same town, but they were unwilling to help. As one might imagine, the house was filthy, desolate, and cold, with no decent food or adequate sleeping-arrangements.

The girl was in a very poor physical condition, suffering with sore throat, boils, diseased gums, and shockingly neglected teeth. In addition to physical care, she sorely needed, of course, a woman's guidance.

After many conferences we succeeded in persuading the father to allow Mary to be placed at board in another city, in the family of an aunt, who was kind and patient and ready to give an excellent home to her forlorn little niece.

When this had been accomplished our medical work



began. Adenoids were removed; tonsils treated; the diseased mouth, which was found to be the cause of the throat trouble that threatened to extend to the lungs, was taken in hand; and the decayed teeth put in order.

Thus physically and mentally braced, Mary entered school, where she began to make unlooked-for progress in her studies and to show an appreciation of clean, decent living.

A short visit which she was allowed to make to her



A home in which we board children.

old home proved a great object-lesson to her. Shocked at the contrast between her father's tenement and the cleanliness and order to which she had become accustomed, she burned and destroyed many of their disreputable belongings, and even saw to it that the house was scrubbed with sulpho-naphthol.

But wonderful as the improvement in the girl has been, we realize that the faults and habits of years cannot be eradicated in a few months, and that if Mary is to grow into the woman we hope for there must still be



much patient coöperation between her aunt and the Children's Friend Society. In the end, however, we do not doubt that she will return to be a true housekeeper for her father, and will be able to bring back her brothers into the home that she will make for them all. Already the influence of his daughter's new life is seen in the father, whose ambition has been so aroused that he has studied, and obtained an engineer's license in the factory where formerly he held an inferior position.

Thus it is possible, by wise help extended to a single child, to bring about the permanent uplift of an entire family.



The following case shows how it is sometimes possible to tide a family over a difficult place without permanently separating parents and children, thus preventing the severing of a relationship which means so much to them all.

Nearly five years ago this Society was asked to take charge of two children whose father, after years of dissipation and neglect of his family, had finally deserted entirely, leaving the mother to go out to work.

We placed the children in an excellent family, not far from the mother's lodgings, where she could see them frequently and be in close touch with their lives. In her leisure hours she made some of their clothes, which tended to keep alive a happy sense of ownership in her children.

She paid a small weekly sum towards their board, while, through our efforts, five relatives were interested to the extent of contributing fifty cents each a week toward the financial help of the family, this Society furnishing the balance necessary for the support and supervision of the children.

The mother, having secured a divorce, with custody of the children, married again very well, and established a little home of her own, where we were glad to return her children to her.

This happy reuniting of the family would of course have been forever impossible had she been persuaded to give them up for adoption in the days when it was first necessary for her to part from them.



**Two of our children, with their foster-mother and a group of little friends.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1909.

WM. QUINCY WALES, Treasurer, in account with the  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Board of children, and clothing . . . . .	\$6,435	32
Income from invested funds . . . . .	4,854	10
Donations . . . . .	4,688	57
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	55	90
Rebate bank tax . . . . .	32	91
FAIR AT VENDOME . . . . .	2,179	24

## LEGACIES.

Mrs. Sarah D. Lane, to be added to fund in the name of Jonathan A. Lane, the income only to be used . . . . .	\$1,000.00	
Estate of Miss Charlotte L. Goodnow, late of Worcester, Mass. . . . .	1,020.00	
From "A Friend," to be added to the Permanent Fund . . . . .	1,000.00	3,020 00
Investment sold . . . . .		1,023 75
Balance from old account . . . . .		934 52
	<u>\$23,224</u>	<u>31</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$5,464	42
Travel, etc. . . . .	843	53
Board of children . . . . .	7,851	93
Clothing furnished . . . . .	2,507	58
Office expenses . . . . .	504	67
Postage and express . . . . .	510	36
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	186	97
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	355	40
Printing . . . . .	337	45
Telephone . . . . .	159	54
Advertising . . . . .	121	64
Investments . . . . .	2,920	17
Repairs . . . . .	2	80
Insurance . . . . .	112	50
Balance carried forward to new account, Balance in hands of Treasurer . . . . .	\$1,245	35
Amount advanced to General Secretary . . . . .	100	00
	<u>1,345</u>	<u>35</u>
	<u>\$23,224</u>	<u>31</u>

24 MILK ST., BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 1, 1909.

I have examined the foregoing cash account, and find the same  
correct and properly vouched.

WM. H. HERRICK,  
Public Auditor.

## PERMANENT FUND.

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The "Permanent Fund" of the Society consists of the following amounts, given on such conditions that the income only can be used, from:—

Estate of the Countess of Rumford, received 1853 . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurney, "Fennelly Fund," March 6, 1858 . . . . .	1,000 00
"Massachusetts Prison Discipline Society," "Dwight Fund," Aug. 4, 1860 . . . . .	5,500 00
Estate of Deacon Moses Grant, "Grant Fund," Nov. 4, 1861 . . . . .	1,000 00
Three different Estates, constituting the "Joy Fund," March 13, 1867, and Dec. 1, 1869 . . . . .	4,170 00
Estate of George Howe, Feb. 10, 1872 . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Martin L. Hall, May 16, 1876 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Lorenzo S. Cragin, April 9, 1877 . . . . .	100 00
Estate of George O. Hovey, "as a fund for Thanksgiving dinners," Nov. 21, 1878 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, Jan. 8, 1879 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Gardner Colby, April 25, 1884 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Ralph M. Pomeroy, Dec. 24, 1887 . . . . .	5,000 00
Longwood Minstrels, "Longwood Minstrel Fund," June, 1888 . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Miss Maria D. Chorley, Aug. 31, 1889 . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Jesse Holbrook, the income of which to be used yearly for buying Christmas presents for the children, Dec. 5, 1889 . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Sturtevant and E. S. Converse, "Converse and Sturtevant Fund" . . . . .	6,500 00
Longwood Minstrels and Quincy Club, to be known as the "Longwood Minstrel and Quincy Club Fund" . . . . .	1,200 00
Mrs. Harriet A. Bigelow, "Harriet A. Bigelow Fund," 1892 and 1893 . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Ann White Vose, deceased in 1875 . . . . .	26,088 72
Estate of Samuel E. Sawyer . . . . .	2,382 20
Estate of James S. Stone . . . . .	500 00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	<hr/> \$75,040 92

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$75,040 92
Estate of Josephine S. Hall . . . . .	3,000 00
Estate of Mary E. Brimbecom, "Lizzie H. Brimbecom Memorial Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Jonathan A. Lane . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Robert C. Billings, to be called the "Robert C. Billings Fund" . . . . .	5,000 00
Estate of Marie Auberson, to be called the "Marie Auberson Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Sarah Augusta Winslow, to be known as the "Sarah Augusta Winslow Fund" . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Helen G. Coburn, to be known as the "Helen G. Coburn Fund" . . . . .	4,990 05
Estate of Elizabeth W. Stevens . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Eliza James Bell Draper . . . . .	500 00
Estate of Lyman Nichols, in memory of Mr. Nichols's mother, Annie M. Nichols . . . . .	5,000 00
Mrs. Sarah D. Lane, to be added to the "Jonathan A. Lane Fund" . . . . .	1,000 00
"A Friend" . . . . .	1,000 00
Estate of Charlotte L. Goodnow, late of Worcester, Mass. . . . .	1,020 00
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	\$100,050 97

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of —— dollars, the same to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors [*or, the same to be added to the permanent funds of said Society, only the income thereof to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Directors*], and I do hereby direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1909.

Abbott, Mrs. Edward . . . .	\$ 5 00	Bigelow, Mrs. Prescott . . .	\$15 00
Abbott, Mrs. E. H. . . . .	5 00	Bird, Mrs. W. B. . . . .	2 00
Abbott, Miss Georgeanna E. .	3 00	Blake, Mrs. Arthur W. . . .	5 00
Adams, Mrs. Walter B. . . .	5 00	Blake, John A. Lowell . . .	10 00
Albree, Mrs. John . . . . .	2 00	Bremer, Mrs. J. L. . . . .	10 00
Alford, Miss Martha . . . .	10 00	Brigham, Lincoln F. . . . .	5 00
Alford, Mrs. O. H. . . . .	10 00	Bronson, Mrs. Dillon . . . .	2 00
Allen, Rev. F. B. . . . .	10 00	Brown & Adams . . . . .	25 00
Allen, Miss M. Josephine . .	10 00	Brown, Chas. H. C. . . . .	5 00
Anonymous . . . . .	2 00	Brown, Durrell & Co. . . . .	15 00
Anonymous . . . . .	15 00	Brown, Sam'l N. . . . .	10 00
Anonymous . . . . .	1 00	Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth B. .	10 00
Anonymous . . . . .	2 00	Bunker, Alfred . . . . .	1 00
Anthony, Mrs. S. Reed . . .	5 00	Burdett, E. W. . . . .	5 00
Armstrong, Mrs. G. E. . . .	5 00	Burdett, J. H. . . . .	5 00
A. R. P. . . . .	2 00	Burgess, Miss Martha C. . .	2 00
Austin, Mrs. Calvin . . . .	2 00	Butler, Mrs. C. S. . . . .	5 00
		Butler, Miss Isabel J. . . .	2 00
Bacon, Miss Ellen S. . . . .	10 00		
Bacon, Louis . . . . .	5 00	C. G. B. . . . .	100 00
Badger, Walter I. . . . .	5 00	C. S. L. . . . .	10 00
Bailey, H. B. . . . .	1 00	Carter, J. R. . . . .	5 00
Baker, Miss Susan P. . . . .	2 00	Carter's Ink Co. . . . .	10 00
Barbour, Edmund D. . . . .	5 00	Chase & Sanborn . . . . .	10 00
Barnes, Mrs. Amos . . . . .	2 00	Chase, Mrs. Philip A. . . . .	25 00
Barnes, Mrs. Herbert . . . .	1 00	Chase, Mrs. Theodore . . . .	10 00
Barry, John L. . . . .	10 00	Cheney, Mrs. Arthur . . . .	20 00
Bartlett, Mrs. Matthew . . .	15 00	Chick, I. W. . . . .	100 00
Bartol, Miss Elizabeth H. . .	10 00	Chick, Miss Mabel . . . . .	100 00
Bassett, Sara J. . . . .	2 00	Clapp, Mrs. Channing . . . .	3 00
Bates, David . . . . .	2 00	Clapp, Mrs. Dwight M. . . .	5 00
Batt, Charles R. . . . .	10 00	Clapp, Mrs. Elmer E. . . . .	2 00
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48 RUTLAND STREET

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## SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

1910

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### OFFICE STAFF

#### *Visitors*

MRS. MARY G. SKINNER

Miss F. E. BARNES

Miss AGNES A. ALEXANDER

Miss M. J. FLOYD

#### *Bookkeeper*

Miss EMILY Y. COLLINS

#### *Stenographer*

Miss ALICE M. WATTS

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TELEPHONE, TREMONT 527

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

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### Finance

E. G. LOOMIS

J. CONVERSE GRAY

### Ways and Means

BENJ. C. LANE

EUGENE N. FOSS

GEORGE G. QUINCY

R. H. STEARNS, JR.

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BENJAMIN C. LANE

MRS. HENRY H. PROCTOR

MRS. GEORGE P. BINGHAM

MRS. HENRY D. HYDE

### Advisory

MRS. WILLIAM E. MURDOCK

MRS. WILLIAM Q. WALES

MRS. JOHN C. LANE

MRS. HENRY H. PROCTOR

MRS. HENRY C. DELANO

MRS. COSTELLO C. CONVERSE

MRS. FRANK R. THOMAS

### Placing Out

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### Supplies

MRS. HENRY C. DELANO

MRS. WILLIAM Q. WALES

MRS. GEORGE P. BINGHAM

MRS. J. C. LANE

### Printing

MRS. J. C. LANE

MRS. WARREN B. HOPKINS





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## STATISTICS

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### PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT

#### STATISTICS FOR 1910

Number of children in care of the Society,	
November 1, 1909 . . . . .	162
Number admitted and placed in families . . . . .	72
Number of children discharged . . . . .	62
Number of children in the care of the Society,	
November 1, 1910 . . . . .	172
Total number cared for . . . . .	234
Number of families who wish to take children	
into their homes . . . . .	181

Of these, 86 wished to take them to board, 40 would take children without board, 8 for adoption, and 47 would pay wages to older boys or girls.

### CONSULTATION DEPARTMENT

#### STATISTICS FOR 1910

Number of cases applying for assistance . . . . .	292
Number of children involved . . . . .	464
Number admitted . . . . .	74
Number advised . . . . .	88
Number referred to other agencies . . . . .	229
Number withdrawn . . . . .	45
Number pending November 1, 1910 . . . . .	28

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## A GLIMPSE OF THE WORK

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This story will give you an instance of how necessary it sometimes is to work patiently many months to complete a plan for a child :

More than a year ago an Episcopalian clergyman called our attention to a little fellow nine years old living in his parish with an excellent woman. This woman begged to be allowed to adopt the boy, for she loved him as her own child. She knew nothing of the boy's father but his name, for he had never seen the child, and for five years the mother had not been heard from.

After a long, patient search, the visitor located both parents, who agreed to sign the adoption papers.

It might seem that the goal was now reached and the visitor's task accomplished. But when the matter was put before the probate judge, he declined to pass the guardianship papers without seeing the parents. The mother, a weak-minded, selfish woman, declared it was "too much trouble" to go before the judge; she "did not wish to be bothered."

Then began another series of interviews. The father commenced to show an interest, and helped the visitor in every way possible. He appeared before the judge, acknowledging his lack of parental responsibility, and asked that the foster mother be allowed to adopt the boy.

When the foster mother was told that the boy was really hers, she was overcome with joy, and, strangely enough, the boy's father shared her emotion. Both thanked the visitor again and again for her help. Here was a future citizen of the Commonwealth, a little waif, firmly rooted in a home really his own, where a pair of mother's arms and a big, warm heart will be always ready to shelter his warm little body and comfort his childish woes.

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## A GLIMPSE OF THE WORK

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Last summer our attention was called to a little colored girl attending the Franklin Park Out-door School, whose mother was found to be dying with phthisis. The mother, an unusually intelligent, capable woman, had for five years supported herself and the child by cleaning and laundry work. For weeks both had been supported by irregular contributions from church friends, and supply of nourishing food — eggs, milk, and beefsteak — furnished by a former employer. The mother was made comfortable at the Cullis Home until her death a few weeks later. Previously she had been induced to appoint the visitor the child's guardian, and expressed a wish that after her death the child be sent to her friends in Georgia.

Through the Charity Organization Society of the Southern city, the visitor learned that the mother's friends were prosperous, respected colored people with no children. The man, a porter on one of the express trains, met the visitor and child in New York City and took the little girl to his home. There was a warm welcome for the little orphan in the Southern city, and she writes happy letters to the visitor telling of her new life among her mother's people.

We try to inspire in every boy and girl the desire for an education, and this year seven of our boys and fifteen girls are working their way through High Schools. Besides this group, one older girl is in the Normal School and one of our boys is completing his junior year in a State Agricultural College. This work is always filled with promise and intense human interest. How better can we spend our efforts than by preparing the coming generation for its work in the world?

MARY GRANT SKINNER,  
*General Secretary, pro tem.*

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## APPEAL

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We ask for your continued support because we find social work for the children of the community necessary.

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Our aim is to do efficiently what is most needed for each child brought to our attention, always looking at the problem of child's needs from the standpoint of the family setting.

An important part of our advisory work is helping parents to solve their difficulties. May we not count upon your generous support in our work for 1911?



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## OFFICERS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1910

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

BOSTON, November 1, 1910.

• WILLIAM QUINCY WALES, *Treasurer*,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Balance, October 31, 1909 . . . . . \$1,245.35

## Receipts

Board of children and clothing . . .	\$6,548 11
Income from invested funds . . .	4,625.63
Donations . . . . .	5,537.09
Interest on bank deposit . . .	45.53
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	138 43
Exchange of securities . . . . .	70.00

## LEGACIES:

Estate of Geo. Wm. Boyd, \$1,000	
Estate of Charlotte L. Good-	
now . . . . .	3,000

	\$4,000.00
	\$21,964 79

Total . . . . .	\$22,210.14
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## Expenditures

Salaries . . . . .	\$5,129.90
Board . . . . .	8,243.85
Clothing . . . . .	3,086.86
Travel . . . . .	1,006.51
Office expenses . . . . .	491 61
Postage and express . . . . .	383.65
Doctor and medicine . . . . .	519.84
Miscellaneous items . . . . .	408.51
Printing . . . . .	323.15
Telephone . . . . .	136.42
Advertising . . . . .	89.27
Investments . . . . .	3,019.74
Repairs . . . . .	8.90
Insurance . . . . .	54.00

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Deficit . . . . .	\$682.07
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Estate of Anna M. Wright (to be known as the "Lyman Nichols Fund," in memory of my late father, and the principal thereof to be invested and the income only thereof to be applied to the uses of the Society) . . . \$5,000

24 MILK STREET, BOSTON, November 3, 1910.

I have examined and audited the foregoing cash account, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM H. HERRICK,  
*Public Auditor.*

